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Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

NEW-HAVEN, Conn., Feb. 3.—The 9 A. M. train from Boston was thrown from the track about an eighth of a mile east of Palmer, by a broken rail, today. The engine, baggage, draw ing-room and smoking cars passed safely over, but balance of train turned over, and the cars were badly injured. The train was not going at a high speed. No passenger was badly injured. E. P.

The passengers on this train arrived in this City at a late hour last night, and as far as could be found out, had wholly escaped injury.

GREAT BRITAIN.

The Prince at the Thanksgiving Service—English Comments on the Alabama Treaty.

LONDON, Feb. 3.—The *Court Circular* announces that their Royal Highness the Prince and Princess of WALES will be present at the Thanksgiving services in St. Paul's. The Times declares today that England must immediately give notice to the Geneva arbitrators and to the American Government if such action has not already been taken that if the American case is confirmed, arbitration may be hopelessly ended. The *Daily Telegraph* reports that negotiations to that end have been opened between England and America, and the British representations are not received in a friendly manner.

Election Riot in Ireland.

LONDON, Feb. 3.—At a meeting in Galway, Ireland, today, to nominate a candidate for the House of Commons, a show of hands indicated that the majority of the meeting favored Mr. NOLAN, the Home Rule candidate. The result of the vote created a great uproar, which culminated in a riot between the opposing parties. The Police were called to suppress the disturbance, when a furious conflict took place between the officers and the rioters, and order was not restored until many persons had been severely wounded.

SPAIN.

Demands of the Spanish West Indian Possessions on the Mother Country—Musical Meeting at Madrid.

MADRID, Feb. 3.—The Deputies in the late Cortes from Porto Rico have issued a manifesto demanding that the reforms promised that colony in 1869, viz., a constitutional government and the abolition of slavery, be carried into effect. A mass-meeting of the Radical party was held here yesterday. Nearly 7,000 people were present. Señor ROMERO GARY delivered an address, in the course of which he alluded to the reported atrocities in Cuba, and declared that there was good reason to believe there was some foundation for these accounts. He said: "Sad incontestible evidence that children had been sold, and that it is time to put a stop to such outrages. The speakers generally called for extensive reforms at home and in the colonies; among them the abolition of capital punishment and slavery, the reduction of taxation, and the privilege of trial by jury. All avowed themselves against the war in Cuba and the maintenance of Spanish authority in the Antilles.

The Electoral Committee of the Government party today have issued a manifesto to the people of Spain, urging adherence to King AMADEUS, as the most favorable for the future welfare of the country.

FRANCE.

Opinions of the Orleans Princes on the Late Vote in the Assembly.

PARIS, Feb. 3.—The Duke D'AUMALE and the Prince DE JOINVILLE, in a communication to the *Official Journal*, state if they had been present in the Assembly on Friday they would have voted in favor of the return of the Assembly and Government to Paris. It is stated that President THIERS has induced M. CASIMIR PERIER to wait until Monday before resigning from the Ministry.

RAILROAD ROBBERS.

Attempt to Pillage an Express Car—The Robber is Wounded and Captured.

CINCINNATI, Feb. 3.—An attempt at robbery was made in Adams' Express-car, on the Pittsburgh train, due here at 6 o'clock, this morning, after leaving Xenia. The armed guard was sitting in darkness, having been deprived of light by the frozen condition of his lamp-oil. His quiet was broken by some unknown person in the remote end of the car, who finally struck a light to better enable him to prosecute his search among the valuables in that part of the car; the light clearly revealed a man at work at a trunk, whereupon the guard fired, striking the robber in the breast, the ball passing toward the right shoulder. The wounded man was taken in custody, brought to this city, and finally removed to the hospital. The wound is not considered as dangerous. The man gives his name as JAMES TRIMBLE, and it is said that he was once a brakeman on this road.

THE PACIFIC COAST.

Movement in Mining Stocks—Robbery of a County Treasury.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 3.—The advices from Acapulco by the Panama steamer contain nothing confirmatory of the reported defeat of Gen. ALATORRE by DIAZ in Oaxaca, as stated in the account received by the way of Rio Grande. Mining stocks are greatly excited here upon the announcements of continued development of rich rock on the Comstock vein. Crocker is quoted at $60; Crown Point, $105; Hale & Norcross, $110; Savage, $95; Kentuck, $90. Late evening the Treasurer of Santa Cruz County, upon opening of the gas in his office, was seized by armed and masked men, who had been concealed in that office. They bound and gagged him, and threatened him with instant death unless he unlocked the vault. He complied, and the robbers took out $6,000 in gold coin, leaving the Treasurer in his office. No clue to the identity of the robbers has yet been discovered.

Visit of the President to the Orphans' Home at Baltimore.

BALTIMORE, Md., Feb. 3.—President GRANT and Vice-President COLFAX visited this city this afternoon, as the guests of SAMUEL M. SHOCKMAKER, Esq. During the evening they visited the Union Orphan Asylum Fair, at Masonic Temple, for the benefit of the orphans of Union soldiers, which closed tonight, after a week successful work. During the evening, Gen. GRANT was presented with a silver tea-set, and also with a gold-headed cane, and Vice-President COLFAX was presented with an elegant Alabam for Master BERTHIER COLFAX. The President and Vice-President briefly but appropriately acknowledged the compliments thus bestowed upon them by the ladies. They left on the 5:30 train for Washington.

WASHINGTON NEWS.

Debate in the House—Wishes of the Tobacco Trade—The President at Baltimore.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 3.—The House met for general debate, Mr. HAY, of Illinois, in the chair, and about a dozen members present. Several speeches were made on a variety of subjects.

MITIGATION OF THE TOBACCO TAX.

A delegation of the plug-tobacco manufacturers of Richmond, Va., was at the Internal Revenue Office to-day to interview the Commissioner in relation to the tax on tobacco, and to urge him to use his influence with Congress to secure the passage of a law making the rate of taxation uniform on all kinds of manufactured tobacco at whatever rate Congress may decide upon. The Commissioner informed the delegation that the office sympathized with them in their request, and favored such a modification of the present law, not inimical to the public interest, as will meet their desires.

MOVEMENTS OF THE PRESIDENT.

President GRANT and Vice-President COLFAX left Washington this morning for Baltimore, where they will spend the day. The object of the visit is to attend a fair for the benefit of soldiers, and sailors' orphans.

CURRENCY STATEMENT.

Receipts of fractional currency for the week ending today.....$[illegible]
Shipments.....[illegible]
Receipts of notes.....[illegible]
The Treasurer holds as security for national bank circulation.....$71,421,000
And for public deposits.....[illegible]
National bank circulation outstanding at this date.....[illegible]
Internal revenue receipts today.....$[illegible]
For the month to date.....[illegible]
Grand total for the fiscal year to date.....[illegible]

CENTRAL RAILROAD AND THE INTERNAL REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

The attorneys of the New-York Central Railroad commenced their argument before the Commissioner of Internal Revenue today. The point in issue was whether the ninety per cent interest certificates issued by the corporation to its stockholders were taxable as a dividend. It was contended by the Company that the certificates did not represent income earned or profits of the road; that they were simply an e-bank-note, which to declare dividends and to enable the Company to pay to Stockholders larger dividends than they otherwise could under the laws of New-York, which allows the Legislature to regulate their rates of fares, &c., whenever their dividends exceed ten per cent; and that the certificates themselves were taxable, if at all, out of future earnings, and then only at the option of the Company. The argument on behalf of the Company will probably be concluded on Monday, and Commissioner DOUGLASS will, as early thereafter as possible, render a definite decision.

OUR ASIATIC FLEET.

Reception of the Japanese Ministry on Board the Flag-Ship—Location of the Various Vessels.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 3.—Official dispatches from Rear-Admiral RODGERS, commanding the Asiatic fleet, and dated Yokohama, Dec. 5, received at the Navy Department, reports affairs in Japan as perfectly quiet. On the 28th of November the Admiral received on board the *Colorado* his Excellency IWAKURA, Prime Minister of the Empire, accompanied by the Minister of War and suite. They were received with appropriate honors, and passed some hours on board, during which they were escorted through the ship and witnessed the drill of the men. The Palos has been ordered to Winter at Tien-tsin. The Admiral intended to sail on the 7th of December for Nagasaki, thence to Shanghai and thence to Hong Kong. The *Monocacy* was at Shanghai; the *Ashuelot* was expected to leave Nagasaki for Hong Kong, where he expected to be on the 15th of January. The *Alaska* is at Yokohama. The Benicia recently visited Ninapo, and thence sailed for Amoy and Swatow, at each of which places she remained two weeks, and was to go to Hong Kong. The *Monocacy* was at Shanghai; the *Ashuelot* was expected to leave Nagasaki for Hong Kong, where he expected to be on the 15th of January. The *Alaska* is at Yokohama. The Benicia recently visited Ninapo, and thence sailed for Amoy and Swatow, at each of which places she remained two weeks, and was to go to Hong Kong. The *Monocacy* was at Shanghai; the *Ashuelot* was still at Foochow, at which port affairs were quiet.

SALT LAKE.

The Mormons Transferring With the Press Dispatches—Indignation of the Citizens.

SALT LAKE CITY, Feb. 3.—Much indignation was expressed here today upon discovering that the dispatches to the Associated Press sent from the West had been tampered with, evidently by parties in the Mormon interest.

The report that most of the leading Gentiles in this city condemn Judge McKEAN's decision in refusing to bail the capital prisoners is entirely false.

The resolutions of the citizens at their meeting, yesterday, following Judge McKEAN's decision, were signed today by over 1,500 persons, and upon which the office where the paper is offered for signatures is crowded with people anxious to sign.

The enthusiasm existing here in favor of Judge McKEAN is extraordinary.

A mass-meeting of the Mormons was held in the Tabernacle this afternoon, and city officers and delegates to the Admission Convention were nominated.

Ex-Congressman FITCH was introduced to the meeting as a prophet, and made a speech. He was chosen one of the delegates to the Convention. Mayor WELLS, who is under an indictment, was renominated.

TELEGRAPHIC BREVITIES.

CHARLES S. WALLACK, a well-known lawyer of Washington, died yesterday.

The Northern Insane Asylum, in Elgin, Ill., was opened Friday, by Gov. PALMER.

Hon. RICHARD JENNESS, Ex-Mayor of Portsmouth, N. H., died at that place yesterday.

The small-pox deaths at Philadelphia last week amounted to 182.

The Congressional Committee at New-Orleans continued their investigations yesterday.

JEFFERY CATTING, of Chicago, the murderer of JAMES TOWNSEND, has been sentenced to imprisonment for life.

STOUGH, the wife-murderer, was taken from the jail at Richmond, Ky., by the mob and hung on Friday.

EDWARD LEE, a colored man, was hanged at Brownsville, Tenn., Friday, for the murder of ELIAS KING, last October.

JAMES HAYES, one of the oldest engineers on the Erie Railway, died at Rochester yesterday.

The fishing-schooner *Tickler* lost a small boat, containing two men, during the gale on Monday last, on George's Banks.

The Grand Duke attended a ball and banquet on Friday night at Overton Hall, Memphis, Tenn.

The case of GLOVER, convicted of the Boylston Bank robbery, in Boston, goes to the Supreme Court on exceptions.

WILLIAM EVANS, Superintendent of Streets in West Roxbury, Mass., was dangerously injured by a street car, on Monday last.

A dwelling-house and stable, belonging to JAMES J. MERRILAN, were burned at Brunswick, Me., yesterday.

Rev. Dr. WILLIAM HAMILTON, of Washington, D. C., slipped on the ice, yesterday, and died in a short time thereafter from the shock to his nervous system.

The steamer *Alliance*, of the new line between Salem, Mass., and New-York, is reported off Marblehead, Mass., with a broken shaft.

HENRY WARD, of Towanda, Penn., found guilty of manslaughter in killing WESLEY E. BRADSHAW last Spring, has been sentenced to nine months' imprisonment.

The adverse vote in the French Assembly, Friday, on the motion to return to Paris, caused great disappointment. M. LEON SAY threatens to resign the Prefecture of the Seine in consequence.

In the Criminal Court at Chicago, yesterday, Judge PARDEE overruled the motions for a new trial in the cases of Aldermen BUNCE and Ex-Alderman MORGENSEN, and sentenced each to six months' imprisonment in the County Jail and to pay a fine of $1,000.

Another Claimant Comes—A Town Disappears Where Stands a Big Estate in New-York City.

From the Marshalltown (Iowa) Times, Jan. 24.

Messrs. BOREMAN and WOODWORTH will visit New-York soon in the interest of Rev. JOHN EDWARDS, looking after the immense "estate" which is located mostly in New-York City and was originally leased for ninety-nine years, which has long expired, by HORACE EDWARDS, the great-grandfather of our friend JOHN. The vast estate, equal to a principality, falls to JOHN and thirty-four other heirs. It is the opinion of those acquainted with the facts in the case, that it is only a question of time as to our friends being put in possession. If a compromise is effected, JOHN will soon have his $2,500,000. If a lay-suit ensues, by the issuing of writs of ejectment against those occupying the property, it may be some little time before it becomes available to him. We sincerely hope our friend may secure enough of the vast property, that we know of, to end struggle myself "where he would rather see him than it."

THE STATE LEGISLATURE.

ASSEMBLY.....ALBANY, Saturday, Feb. 3.

The New-York and Brooklyn Ferry Company, in answer to a resolution of the House, submitted the following report:

Receipts for 1870	$[illegible]
Receipts for 1871	[illegible]
Expenses for 1870	[illegible]
Expenses for 1871	[illegible]
Payments for dividends in 1870	[illegible]
Payments for dividends in 1871	[illegible]
Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1871	[illegible]
Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1872	[illegible]

For the two years prior to 1870-71, the Company has made no dividends to stockholders. The report details the real estate of the Company, and where it is situated, and says its assessed value for taxation is $201,000; but which does not show the cost of the real estate to the Company, or its value, which is much greater than the assessed value. They also pay $24,400 per annum for ferry leases and ferry buildings. They own fourteen ferry-boats, valued at $622,000, and two new ones, valued at (when completed) $200,000.

On motion of Mr. HUSTED, it was agreed to adjourn today till Monday evening at 7½ o'clock.

BILLS REPORTED.

By Mr. FRENCH—Authorizing the succession of real estate to female citizens of the United States and their descendants, notwithstanding their marriage with aliens; also to relieve juvenile delinquents from certain disqualifications; also making regulations concerning witnesses in criminal cases; also to protect livery-stable keepers and keepers of horses as riding academies; also adversely on the bill to incorporate the Tenor Coterie of Brooklyn. Laid on the table.

BILLS INTRODUCED.

The following bills were introduced: By Mr. ALVORD—Providing that any property from sale of city shall be paid for under agreement. By Mr. J. D. LORD—Authorizing the City of Rochester to subscribe to the stock of the Ontario Lake Shore Railroad.

The following resolutions were introduced: By Mr. J. D. BROWN—Calling on the Attorney-General to amend the Constitution as to appropriations of moneys from the State Treasury. On the motion of Mr. ALVORD, the resolutions were referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

REFORM IN LEGISLATION.

Mr. PRICE called up his resolution instructing the Judiciary Committee to inquire what reforms in the manner of business in the Legislature. He proceeded at much length to detail the loose methods in vogue, showing how it is much bad legislation is done. Mr. ALVORD said the speech of the gentleman from Queens (Mr. PRICE) was a very interesting and important subject, and he wished it could be circulated throughout the length and breadth of the land. But, nevertheless, he thought the only way to remedy the manner was to educate the people of the State up to the point of so amending the Constitution that all local matters shall be kept out of the Legislature and be disposed of by Boards of Supervisors. He (Mr. ALVORD) had given attention to the great importance of general legislation, and was in favor of abolishing special legislation. After some further debate the resolution was adopted.

The bill making regulations for governance of the County Superintendent of the Poor was ordered to a third reading.

BILL TO REPEAL THE RING ACTS.

The bill to repeal the act passed in 1871, providing for the government of the City of New-York, was taken up in Committee of the Whole, but on the motion of Mr. D. S. HILL, who said that many members interested in action of this sort were absent, progress was reported. Mr. HAWKINS moved that the bill be ordered to the third reading. He moved this, because the provision of the act of 1871 in question was a dead letter, as it required every lawyer to give an advertising to the newspaper known as the *Transcript*, which was the organ of the Ring. Mr. ALVORD asked if the gentleman wanted the House adjourned at this time, as the yeas and nays would certainly be called for, and if the House adjourned his motion could not be carried, and the House would be adjourned. Mr. HAWKINS said he certainly did not want to do anything which would produce that result. Mr. D. S. HILL said he would call the yeas and nays. Mr. HAWKINS then moved that the House, at 6 P. M., adjourned until Monday evening, at 7½ o'clock.

CUBA.

Arrival of a New Commander for Cuba.

HAVANA, Feb. 3.—Gen. REQUENEZ, the new Commander of the Eastern Department, arrived here from Spain yesterday. A portion of the excursionists who came here on the *Nerva Guide*, from New-York, will return today, and the remainder of them next week.

The Union Depot-Car Murder—Trial of the Accused Woman.

From the Union Herald, Feb. 2.

Judge DOOLITTLE has decided to try the McCarty case at this term of the Court. For some reasons, we regret that he did not find sufficient cause to make him feel justified in putting the trial over to the next term. Not that we in the least suspect Judge DOOLITTLE's fairness and uprightness as a Judge. But, because the *Observer* and certain busy-bodies have shown so much zeal in the interest of THOMSON to make it appear that there is no public sentiment that there is a conspiracy to set Mrs. McCARTY out of the way on the charge of constructive murder. The feeling is abroad, that she is poor and defenseless, and legs be hunted down by the libertines because she is dangerous to them; that they fear the revelations of a trial in which she shall be given an equal chance; and that a hasty trial does not give her sufficient opportunity for defense against the great odds pitted against her.

Disgraceful Conduct of Drunken Men.

From the Lafayette (Ind.) Journal, Feb. 1.

A party of six men came in from the country with a two-horse wagon, the other day, to procure a coffin for a deceased friend. While in the city they all got drunk, and two of them were furnished temporary lodgings in the station-house. The other four started home with the coffin. On the way one of them became overpowered from the effects of the liquor he had drank, and his comrades put him into the coffin to get him out of the way. After riding some miles the man in the coffin awoke to consciousness, and finding his quarters somewhat restricted, straightened himself and broke one head-board of his wooden prison. By this time all had become sober enough to realize what had been done, so they stopped at the first farm-house, procured hammer and nails, and nailed the coffin pretty nearly in as good condition as when they started with it.

Mr. Harvey Greeley's Birthday Celebration by His Friends.

A reception was given, last evening, at the residence of A. J. Jennings, Esq., in Fifty-seventh street, to Hon. HORACE GREELEY, on the completion of his sixty-first birthday. The reception was preceded by an elaborate dinner, at which the guests, besides Mr. GREELEY and his hosts, were Rev. Drs. Chapin and Frothingham, George Ripley, Esq., F. B. Carpenter, the artist; J. F. Cleveland, Esq., Prof. F. B. Vrooman, Arnold Guyot, Roswell D. Hitchcock, J. Thomas, Jr., H. Sculpin, of Amherst College, and Mr. Oliver Johnson, all of these gentlemen being accompanied by their wives, and Mr. CLEVELAND by his Gladstone. The party had scarcely left the table before the guests began to arrive. A large number of invitations had been issued, each card containing a fine steel engraving of Mr. GREELEY, and a facsimile of his characteristic autograph. Nearly all who were invited responded in person. There was scarcely a social set, scarcely a political or professional interest in the Metropolis, which was not fully represented. There was all shades of opinion, as everybody else, but all knew the guest of the evening, and all seemed glad to do him honor. It was long after the time appointed for the close of the reception before the last guests reluctantly retired, with good wishes for the great journalist.

Mr. Chase's Health.

Alderman Peter Gilsey, who tendered the resignation as a member of the Board of Aldermen, has nominated the Mayor, and will remain for the unexpired term of the Board.

THE STORM.

A Heavy Fall of Snow Yesterday and Hail Last Night.

Travel and Traffic Impeded—Scene in the City—The Weather Record—Reports from Elsewhere.

A north-eastern storm of snow and wind set in at 3 A. M. yesterday, and continued up to 3 P. M., and was the most severe in every respect which we have had this Winter. The snow was several inches deep in the thoroughfares. The thermometer indicated 20° at 7 A. M., 31° at noon, and 29° in the afternoon. Car travel was impeded throughout the City, and the several railroad companies had to double their teams, and all early morning the snow-plows cleared the tracks. The livery men reaped quite a harvest, for early in the day they replaced their wheels for sleighs. Many pedestrians paid the penalty of a hasty step by a sudden and unpleasant fall. The iron gratings along Broadway brought many a one to the ground, while the smooth pavements in front of Stewart's store was the scene of a series of accidents from morning till night. Young sports, and old ones, too, commenced sleighing in their private sulkers early in the day, while fair ladies fitted here and there as if they considered the weather "glorious!" The mails were not delayed to any great extent, and the ferry-boats on both rivers made their trips with tolerable regularity, despite the snow, which rendered it impossible, almost, to see the length of the boat ahead, and the floating ice, of which in the Hudson River especially, there is a large quantity.

Owing to the violent storm prevailing, there was only one arrival from sea by way of Sandy Hook yesterday. The ice in the harbor is quite heavy, rendering navigation by ferry-boats and other vessels dangerous. The outward-bound steamers are detained by the storm, but will probably sail at an early hour today.

Continuance of the Snow Blockade—Union Pacific Railroad Shut of Cars.

OMAHA, Feb. 3.—The Union Pacific Railroad, at last accounts, was blocked between Laramie and Rawlins, and also west of Rawlins. The snow was still drifting, and the prospects of the road getting clear were as bad as ever. A train left Ogden yesterday for the East, composed of Central Pacific cars, as there were no Union Pacific cars west of the blockade. This last easterly train is probably now with others at Bell's, near Cheyenne. Gen. ROBERT Embassy is expected at Salt Lake City to-morrow.

ALBANY, Feb. 3.—The snow-storm began here this morning, and has continued all day, making the first sleighing of the season.

POUGHKEEPSIE, N. Y., Feb. 3.—A heavy northeast snow-storm has prevailed along the Hudson River all day. Tonight the gale has increased in violence and the storm continues. Despite this fact, the trains on the Hudson River Railroad are not delayed. The snow, however, is drifting badly, and if the storm prevails throughout the night travel will be seriously interrupted to-morrow.

The Weather Record.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 3—7 P. M.—The area of low barometer which was Friday afternoon in Southern Georgia has moved north-eastward, and is now off Delaware Bay. The central pressure has steadily diminished and the attending winds have increased. Brisk north-east winds now prevail, with snow, from Maine to New-Jersey and Pennsylvania, and rain is reported from between the Delaware and Chesapeake Bays; north-east winds have backed to the north and west from Maryland southward to Georgia. Partially cloudy and clearing weather has prevailed in the Gulf States; but falling barometer and cloudy weather, with easterly winds, are now reported from Texas. An area of low barometer has apparently developed during the day in Dakota and Wisconsin, where cloudy and threatening weather has prevail, and light falls have fallen at Memphis, Vicksburg and New-Orleans.

PROBABILITIES.

The low barometer of the Middle Atlantic coast will probably move north-eastward to the neighborhood of Cape Cod by Sunday morning, and north-east winds continue with snow on the New-England coast; north-west winds, with partially cloudy and clearing weather, will prevail on Sunday from Pennsylvania southward to Florida; the barometer will fall very generally throughout the Mississippi Valley with southerly winds and rising temperature; the pressure in Wisconsin will move centrally north-eastward over Lake Superior, but extend its influence rapidly south-east to Lake Huron. Cautionary signals continue this evening at Cape May, New-York, New-London, Boston and Portland, and brisk winds are anticipated for Lakes Superior and Michigan on Sunday.

SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT.

3 P. M.—Snow fell last night at Baltimore, Cape May, Cincinnati, Fort Benton, Indianapolis, Knoxville, Lynchburg, Memphis, Nashville, Pittsburg, and in this city. Snow was reported this morning at Cincinnati, Cleveland, New-Haven, New-York, Philadelphia and Pittsburg, and rain at Cape May, Norfolk, and electing at Baltimore, Lynchburg, Oswego and in this city. A heavy north-easter is now accompanied the snow-storm at New-York. This evening it was snowing at Boston, Buffalo, Burlington, Knoxville, and upon the mountains at Moses, Washington, Philadelphia, Pittsburg, Portland, Rochester and Toronto; sleeting at New-London and New-York, and rain at Norfolk, Charleston and in this city. At Cheyenne a heavy westerly gale was blowing, with a temperature of 40° above zero.

A DARING ENTERPRISE.

Seeking the North Pole on a Rubber Raft.

From the St. Louis Democrat, Jan. 30.

M. OCTAVE PAVY, a wealthy and adventurous young Frenchman, arrived in this city a day or two ago, he having come here for the purpose of consulting Capt. SILAS BENT in relation to a voyage which he proposes to make to the North Pole in an ingeniously-constructed india rubber raft. This raft is composed of four inch-shaped cylinders, fastened together on the decks by wooden slats, to which the necessary masts and rigging are attached. It was designed by the inventor as a life-boat, to be carried on vessels and used in case of fire or shipwreck. It is so small that it occupies very little room—in fact, M. PAVY carries his packed in a box. Such a raft would be unsinkable, and will float in the severest storm. It will carry about 10,000 pounds of freight, besides the crew. Capt. MIKES, who accompanies M. PAVY, has crossed the Atlantic in fourteen days on this same raft. He will attend M. PAVY on his trip toward the Pole.

M. PAVY, finding the Union Pacific Road blocked with snow, will return to New-Orleans, and go to San Francisco by some other route. He will leave San Francisco in the Spring, and will steer for Petropavodak, where he will take on board provisions, furs, dogs, and reindeers. Sailing through Behring's Straits, M. PAVY will bear for the land discovered by Capt. LONG, about 800 miles broad, which he will cross in sledges drawn by reindeer and dogs, taking his boat with him. This land lies between 71 and 80 degrees of latitude, and is inhabited. It is expected, some time in August, after which it is expected to find the open Polar Sea, described by navigators, on which he will embark and sail around to Greenland or Spitzbergen. He will take five men, a hundred reindeer and forty dogs, six Winchester rifles, six breech-loading rifles and six Smith & Wesson revolvers, and provisions for six months. He has a splendid flag, presented to him by the New-York Geographical Society, of which he is a member. He will sail under the French flag. The undertaking appears to be hazardous, but Mons. PAVY is confident of being able to solve the problem of the route to the North Pole. We wish him success.

The Approaching Conventions—Democratic State Convention.

From the Hartford Courant, Feb. 3.

The determination of the Democratic leaders in this city to control the nominations of the State Convention next week does not, it appears, quiet the wildest enthusiasm in New-Haven, though the leaders there are not disposed, provided Mr. ENGLISH is out of the way, to press a candidate for the head of the ticket; but they do certainly object to put on the appearance of being absolutely governed by the dictates of the Hartford ring.

At returns from primary meetings come in, it is expected that the Convention will be made up of the old-time Convention, and the men they can easily control. Mr. BURR and Mr. EATON, from Hartford, head the list of veteran attendants. The outspoken GOODRICH, of Bridgeport, will be on hand, as usual, with JAS. E. BOULD, of the Argus, and Colonel ROBERT HOWE, C. C. BEARDSLEY, Mr. HOLLISTER and others to there. Tuesday, Judge and R. M. WALLACE, of New-London, are elected delegates. CHAUNCEY GOODRICH goes from Farmville, Bear Haven sends that faithful party, JAS. F. BALDWIN, and Saybrook, desiring to be heard and covered all over with glory, commission to the Convention Mr. ROSWELL TRUMAN, Jr., accompanied by his faithful friend, WALLACE, will stand by the ocean strand and send the music of the sea back in silver tones to the ragged hills of old Windham. It will be a Convention worth going many miles to look upon; there will be vigorous life in it.

DEMOCRATIC REFORM.

Meeting of the General Committee—Important Resolutions Unanimously Adopted—A Platform Adopted.

The Democratic Reform General Committee for 1872 held their first meeting at Apollo Hall last evening. The attendance was very large. Among those present were Abraham H. Lawrence, Jr., Senator O'Brien, R. L. Clinton, Samuel Courtney, Judge Bixby, W. C. Whitney, Benjamin Wood, Judge Spaulding, Judge Tracy, John Foley, and others prominent in the Democratic Reform Party.

WILLIAM H. WICKHAM called the meeting to order, and nominated for temporary Chairman ABRAHAM R. LAWRENCE, Jr., and ALEXANDER DAVIDSON as temporary Secretary. After a brief congratulatory speech from Mr. LAWRENCE, the credentials of the various districts were called for, when it appeared that there were contesting delegations from the First, Second, Fourth, Seventh, Fourteenth, Fifteenth, Nineteenth and Twenty-first Districts.

Mr. NOONEY moved that a committee of seven be appointed by the Chair to consider the claims of the contestants, which was adopted.

Senator O'BRIEN moved that a committee of thirteen be appointed by the Chair, on permanent organization. Carried.

The Chair appointed the committee, who reported the following names:

Chairman, William H. Wickham; Secretaries, Alexander Davidson, Marcus Otterburg, James M. Martin; Treasurer, Peter Gilsey.

The ticket was unanimously adopted, and the Chairman announced the Committee on Contested Seats as follows:

Robert B. Rooney, Samuel G. Courtney, Frank M. Bixby, William H. Tracy, Marcus Otterburg, Patrick Monahan, Joseph A. Mothelmer.

Mr. WICKHAM was conducted to the chair and returned his thanks. He said the present committee was elected by primaries, honestly and fairly conducted, and, for the first time for many years, truly represented the Democracy of New-York. He trusted that harmony would prevail in their councils, and that before their next meeting as a undivided family would be prepared for the work they would enter on.

Mr. W. C. WHITNEY, from the Eighteenth District, said it was desirable to have a platform, and, as a means to that end, he presented a series of resolutions, which were unanimously adopted. The resolutions are in substance as follows:

1. We congratulate our fellow-citizens that the Democratic Party of the City of New-York has solemnly reorganized, on the broad basis of the popular will, and in strict conformity to the usages of the party, and that it stands ready to perform all the functions which have crept into the administration of public affairs.

2. Deriving our authority directly from the Democratic voters of this City, we, the duly elected representatives of the values of the Democratic Party of the City of New-York, and, as such, we demand of the Legislature a charter which shall reconstruct the municipal rights of the people of this City, and take the municipal affairs free from the intervention of Legislative commissions, and all other devices contrived to nullify the popular will.

3. While we acknowledge the necessity of some extraordinary expenditures which have characterized the expenditures of nearly every department of the City Government, and insist that the perpetrators of these outrages shall be brought to deserved punishment, we also deplore that the burdens which have been thereby brought on the laborers and subordinate officials, who have, thus, through no fault of their own, been reduced to the extremity of want and suffering, should be relieved, and the claims be examined as quickly as can be done with the exercise of proper care to guard against fraud, and that they shall be the first paid out of the funds which the Legislature has recently authorized to be raised by the City.

Mr. CLINTON said he had some resolutions on a different topic. He said it was known that an attempt was being made to reorganize the Tammany Hall Association. This secret and unauthorized association had recently issued a manifesto in which it was made to appear that the Democratic Party. For the purpose of branding that organization with their unqualified disapproval, he moved the following resolutions:

Whereas, A secret organization known as the Tammany Society or Columbian Order, have well nigh led to the ruin of the Democratic Party in this City and State; and

Whereas, This secret order have from the last time, and do now, put forth the most strenuous endeavors, that Mr. Tammany General Committee shall be responsible in party discipline, and in party matters generally, not to the Democracy that elected them, but to the National or Board of Delegates of the Democratic Party; and

Resolved, That the Tammany society or Columbian Order, is indecentable, dangerous to the liberties of a free people, and subversive to the institutions of a republican government.

Resolved, That the Democracy owe no allegiance of any kind whatsoever to the Tammany Society or Columbian Order, spurns its authority, and regards with contempt the attempt to revive the order, regards the Democracy into celesting as a piece of permanent abode the spot which will hereafter be remembered only as the graveyard of the Tammany Ring.

Resolved, That we regard the Tammany Society or Columbian Order has violated its charter, which limits the duties to deeds of benevolence and charity, as it has been in the past, and may be again, a political engine, to the ruin of the Democratic Party, and to the injury of the Democratic Party and the community generally; the strong arm of the law should be invoked and its charter annulled, so as to prevent the Society from exercising any and all depredations upon the City Treasury, whether by means of fraudulent armory leases or otherwise. It should be rendered in the future as powerless for evil as it has been for good.

Resolved, That any pretended Democratic General Committee that shall organize under the auspices of the Tammany Society or Columbian Order, or in any manner under the control of the Tammany Society, will be regarded by the Democracy as hostile to Democratic principles and the interests of the Democratic Party.

Mr. COURTNEY—I desire to offer an additional resolution. I move that a copy of these resolutions be sent to each member of the Legislature. Carried unanimously.

The Chairman stated that information in regard to the contested seats could be had at the office of the Executive Committee, No. 104 Broadway.

The meeting then adjourned.

Custom-House Statistics for January.

The following statement shows the workings of the Warehouse Department of the Custom-house for January:

ENTRIES.

Number of warehouse bonds, 3,008; warehouse, 154; transportation without appraisement, 330; warehouse and transportation, 88; warehouse and immediate export to foreign country, 120; export to Canada, 304; warehouse to foreign countries, 176; warehouse to Canada, 1; forward to foreign countries, 1; goods manufactured in bond, 90; Canada exports, class 2, or goods manufactured in bond, 1.

WITHDRAWALS.

For consumption, 2,603; amount of duty paid on same, $5,749,599 12; for transportation in United States, 101; for export to Canada, 48; for export to foreign countries, 383; warehouse for export to foreign countries, 106.

LIQUIDATIONS AND ABSTRACTS.

Entries on hand Jan. 1, 320; entries received in January, 2,326; total, 2,716; entries liquidated in January, 2,394; entries awaiting returns, 334; entries awaiting reports, 49; entries awaiting damages, 100; total, 2,716.

Mr. E. J. JAGOBS, chief clerk of the Auditor, makes the following report: Duties on imports, $13,517,000 62; hospital money, $4,319 11; sundry receipts, 402,376 40; total receipts for January, 1872, $13,917,702 03.

Opposition to Street Openings.

On Friday last a remonstrance was presented to the Assembly, signed by CHARLES O'CONOR and others, against opening and extending One Hundred and Twenty-seventh, One Hundred and Twenty-eighth and One Hundred and Twenty-ninth streets. Mr. O'CONOR, and the other gentlemen who signed the protest, condemn the movement as an outrage. At immense rock stands in the way, and former Street Commissioners have heretofore avoided the ground. It also interferes with a large cemetery attached to the Roman Catholic Convent.

A Piece of Marble Rock Pliable by Steam.

There is now in Wheeling, West Va., a piece of marble two inches in thickness, which, it is asserted, can be bent either way, as easily as sheet-iron, three inches out of a straight line. The Wheeling *Reporter* gives the following account of it:

"Some time in December, 1869, the Female Seminary at Steubenville was destroyed by fire. The piece of marble, which is three feet two inches in length, seven inches in width, two inches in thickness, and weighs about one hundred and thirty pounds, was used as a door-step in the second story of the seminary. It is an excellent marble of the white variety known as the Italian, and cost $100 in cash, in addition to the cost of the building. When the seminary building was destroyed this piece fell to the cellar, a distance of fifteen or sixteen feet, and was covered up in the mass of the fallen chimneys and the debris of the burned building. It remained covered until Saturday last, Mr. HOLLIDAY, of the firm of Holliday & Sons, carry stone in this city, thought of the marble, and, in company with a friend, went to the place where it was supposed to be, and, after digging out the bricks, they came across this heavy stone, and, as it was taken out, one of the men said to Mr. HOLLIDAY, "This piece of stone is rubber." It was placed aside. Mr. HOLLIDAY thinking he would bring it up to Wheeling as a curiosity, had it was dragged and rolled around to the house of a friend on the 15th of January, that, when it was brought to Mr. HOLLIDAY's planing-mill in this city. While it was exposed to the weather it froze while the centre was bent about two inches out of square and remained thus curved until thawed out.

From the time of its being brought in this city until now, it has been examined by thousands of our citizens, all of whom—and some of them men of scientific attainments—have confessed themselves completely at fault to account for the phenomenon. The question, what chemical action or other agency has changed the nature of this stone, is not yet solved. The pressure of the marble is unlimited, and Mr. HOLLIDAY's standing in this community is sufficient guarantee that it is just as he says in regard to the finding of the stone."

INTERESTING DISCOVERY.

Remains of a Mastodon Found in Orange County, N. Y.

A few days since as a farmer in the town of Mount Hope, Orange County, N. Y., was digging in a swamp on his premises, he exhumed from the muck, about eight feet below the surface, a number of bones, from the size and formation of which it is judged they are those of a mastodon. There are two ribs, nearly five feet long, and two vertebræ six inches wide. What would give strength to the supposition that the bones are a portion of the skeleton of one of those old-time monsters, in the absence of other proof, is the fact that several discoveries of mastodon remains have been made in this county during the past thirty or forty years. In 1841 an entire skeleton was exhumed in the vicinity of Scotchtown in a marl-pit. Its tusks were over five feet in length, and with the head bones weighed nearly 600 pounds. It was found near one surface, lying at an angle of about forty-five degrees, head uppermost. Previous to this, portions of over twenty skeletons of mastodons had been found in the Wallkill Valley. One of these was the monster that for years was the wonder of visitors at Peale's Museum, in New-York City. There is in a Boston museum the complete skeleton of a mastodon which was exhumed near Newburg only a few years ago. One was found in a swamp in Sussex

CURRENT LITERATURE.

TO CAROLINE

ON HER RECOVERY FROM SICKNESS.

An Unpublished Poem by Mrs. Hemans.

I.

When, watching by the sleepless bed,
Where sickness laid her fainting head,
Affection breathed the silent prayer
That Heaven—relenting Heaven—could spare.
That prayer, 'twixt hope and fear, was heard,
Unlocked the portals of the sky,
And, kneeling at the throne of Grace,
Implored relief for Caroline.

II.

Angel of Mercy! Hear the cry,
Look down upon the suppliant eye!
O come with healing on thy wing,
The balm of recreation bring
To her, our loved, our fainting friend;
The wife, the daughter, and the friend;
And Mercy heard!—the prayer prevailed.
Sickness, thy dart no more assailed.
Yes, Mercy heard with gentle beams,
And joy revived for Caroline.

III.

Ye who in anguish, day by day,
Have seen the lamp of life decay,
(Like some exotic fair and frail,
That dies before the morning gale)
Have marked the pale, expressive smile
That fain our sufferings would beguile,
The languor of the drooping frame
That steals upon the vital flame—
Ye who have proved for one so dear
Each shifting pulse of hope and fear,
Ye best can judge what those must feel
Who love with all affection's zeal.
When Health had universal lamp returned
And seems to promise brighter blooms,
Tints the pale cheek with living hue,
Fires the dim eye with radiance new!
Soon may we see her light divine,
Beam from thine eyes, our Caroline!

IV.

The cloud that shaded with alloy
The Heaven of calm, domestic joy,
That cloud is gone; that Heaven is bright
Again with pure and tempered light!
Long may it smile with ray serene,
O'er sweet Retreat's woodlands green;
O'er the dear parent's locks of snow,
Long may its balmy zephyrs blow,
Mild as the Southern breezes play
And genial as the skies of May.
And she, its gentle day-star shine,
She whom we love—our Caroline!

FELICIA BROWNE, (Mrs. Hemans.)

29th September, 1816.

NOT ALL TINSEL.

The big clock at Westminster had just chimed half-past eleven, when Joseph Blimber, master of the supernumeraries at the Theatre Royal Nonpareil, emerged from the comfortable hostelry which served as house-of-call for the employes of that Thespian temple. As some excuse for the lateness of the hour, it will be well to inform the scrupulous reader that the occasion was Christmas Eve. Not that Joseph Blimber was ever much earlier in his habits at any period of the year—still, as we have only to deal with that gentleman on this particular night, the excuse must serve for this special time, and no other.

Considering the temptations belonging to his profession, Joseph—or, to speak more familiarly, and to adopt the name best known to himself, Joe—Blimber was not at all a late individual. For instance, if he had to play in the last piece, he seldom called at the hostelry, but made his way home as quickly as possible; if, on the contrary, a farce concluded the programme, and his services were not required after the startling pénouement of the "sensation drama, (they were great in sensation pieces at the Nonpareil,) it must be admitted that he did generally enter the Crown to inquire after the health of the hostess, and supplement that inquiry by a draught at the bar or in the parlor, where he was almost certain to meet with some of his own fraternity. It is a question capable of much argument whether for this an excuse might not also be found. It is not very pleasant to have your throat parched with the fumes of gunpowder and red fire; and as Joe Blimber, from the responsibility and prominence of his position as "supe-master," was always in the thickest of the smoke of battle, and among the first to brave the haughty tyrant in his lair when he defied the hero to "come hon," some extenuation may be found for his predilection for the aforesaid draught on such occasions.

Joe had always been connected with the stage, and at one time had high aspirations. Perhaps his ambition was of the kind that o'erleaps itself, and falls on t'other side; perhaps he lacked opportunity; perhaps he has was too meek and gentle a man to push his way among the crowd of competitors for histrionic honors. That is nothing to do with the reader or the author. There was a tradition among his fellows—not a subject of conversation, but a whispered rumor—that Joe had once played *Cassio* in one of the large provincial theatres. Be this as it may, he never played it at the Nonpareil, even in the dreariest of the many dreary periods that had occasionally marked the annals of that establishment. In London Joe had always been a "super," nothing more, until he became "supe-master," and this advancement was actually owing to a lucky accident, certainly not ascribable to any self-assertion on his part.

When he was a little boy, Joe used to come on in the pantomime rallies and "chivy" the unfortunate vendors who are generally so disgraceffully maltreated in the harlequinade portion; then, when he got too old for this sort of thing, they put him in to play the shepherd; but, somehow, he never in his life got a good speaking part—that is if the Cassio rumor was a rumor and nothing more.

There was no man in the establishment more contented with his position than Joe Blimber. He worked hard, and threw his whole soul into his duties, and this is saying a good deal. For instance, when they played "Macbeth" or "Richard III," (very seldom, by the way, for the Nonpareil was too much in the fashion to give Shakespeare frequently,) Joe was always to be seen in the thickest of the fray in the battle scenes, and generally obtained a round of applause for the vigor with which he tackled his opponent. And in truth there were many of the "supers" who fought shy of Joe, for with him there was no message of swords and then meekly falling down and dying. He did the regular one, two, three business; and it was something to hear the roar of the gallery when they saw the sparks come from Joe's sword as he pressed his antagonist close; and the roar did Joe's heart good, for it made him feel one of the principal actors in the piece. The best of the matter was that his merits were recognized by the manager; for that autocrat had been known, even in the presence of his first tragedian—the *Richard* or *Macbeth* of the night—to slap Joe on the back after one of his arduous combats, and in a tone of voice audible to those around, request them that he was the fellow "to bring them down."

But if Joe Blimber was a greater man at any one period of the year than another, that period was Christmas; for though the Nonpareil's forte was sensation drama, hot and strong, yet they always made a feature of the pantomime. And then, of course, Joe had his demons to train, to say nothing of bringing into good stage-working order the extra hands he was deputed to engage for the "run" of the Christmas novelty. Then indeed was Joe in his element.

From the foregoing it may perhaps be inagined that Joe Blimber's heart was always in the theatre. Such conclusion would be wrong. Joe Blimber's heart was in his home, and his daughter kept the key.

Ellen—at least it is to be presumed that this was the name she received at the font—was a fresh, fair-faced girl of nineteen, Joe's daughter called her by that name but Nelly was a professional. Though the manager, in his spirit of militarianism, frequently made Nelly appear as one of the group of joyful or heart-stricken maidens in his sensation productions, yet her "line" was tragic-comic. Indeed, she had been instructed in her business by M. Datour, admittedly one of the best harlequins that ever did a bit of jumping through a shop-window. Like her father, Nelly also took a pride in her work, and she possessed his kind yielding disposition, she had not many enemies among the young ladies of her department. Of course, she had a few, as will not be doubted when it is stated that she had recently been promoted to the front row of the ballet, and was currently whispered to be studying the part of the *Amina* in *Sonnambula*, in view of the manager's contemplated revival of "Masaniello" next season. She was a light-hearted, happy little creature, the presiding genius of Joe's home; for, alas, his wife had died when Nelly was a mere thing, and though it was difficult at times to perform the operation, Nelly knew as well how to manage her father as any woman of the Nonpareil, where the average was little more than the average of woman. Nelly was as fond a little mother as ever, though she had been brought up to the work, and to nothing else, all her life. To crown all, Nelly was as innocent and guileless as she was cheerful and pretty. The compliments of the gay gallants of the outside world, who planted themselves at the wings (for the Nonpareil did admit a few privileged parties behind the scenes) and at the stage door, were unheeded by her, and she tripped home at the end of the week with her wages of sixteen shillings in a much happier mood than the premier danseuse of the theatre, Mlle. Fopar, from the Porte St. Martin, (envious people said from Lambeth,) who was conveyed to her residence in a brougham. When his stage duties allowed him, of course Joe went home with his daughter; but this was seldom, for Nelly liked to slip away before him, and get his supper ready ere he arrived. Wet or dry, it made no difference to Nelly; she never grumbled at having to walk to her humble lodging; indeed, when it was a wet night, her spirits rose with the occasion, and it was quite a cheerful sight to see her lightly tripping over the pools of mud, and picking her way along the damp thoroughfare, humming the last new polka air, with the rain acting as a kind of obligato accompaniment on her umbrella.

On this particular Christmas eve there happened to be a rather unusual excitement at the Nonpareil. Of course it was all about the pantomime. The gentleman who wielded the baton in the orchestra had declared himself satisfied with the manner the music "went;" everybody in the theatre was delighted with the transformation-scene which those eminent artists, Messrs. Gilt and Glitteur, had prepared; the scenery worked well; the supernumeraries did their work satisfactorily (trust their chief, Joe Blimber, for that); the principal ladies—the Nonpareil pieces were always strong in female parts—declared themselves pleased with the respective characters assigned them; and the splendor of the dresses and the decorations was universally admitted, from the lady who played the prince, down to the boy who fetched the beer for the scene-shifters, to far excel anything in that way the Nonpareil had yet done.

Notwithstanding all this, there was something wrong. The last rehearsal but one (the final being fixed for Boxing-day, 10 A. M., sharp) had taken place on Christmas Eve, and everything had passed off well, with one exception. Though at the first blush there was endless cause for congratulation, still nearly everybody shook their heads, and hoped it (the pantomime) would go well. The truth of the matter was this: Mlle. Fopar happened at the last rehearsal to be very late in her attendance—so late, indeed, that the ballet-scene in the opening—in which, of course, she had a *pas seul*—had to be gone through without her. When she arrived, a few words of remonstrance, polite but firm, had been addressed to her by the manager. She made no remark to him at the time, but did the columbine business in the harlequinade as though nothing had occurred to ruffle her temper. However, she had been heard to murmur to Mrs. Grumpsie (one of the dresses) that "that sort of thing" wouldn't suit her; and as Mlle. Fopar was known to be as high-spirited as she horses that nightly nowzyed her home, the worst anticipations were formed of her words, which had been duly retailed all over the establishment by the person to whom they were addressed. The rumor of the theatre found its way to the house-of-call before mentioned, and being duly debated in the parlor thereof, and the meaning Mlle. Fopar attached to her observations regarded from every possible point of view, considerable excitement was the consequence.

When Joe Blimber left his companions, of course his mind was filled with the prevailing excitement, and when he reached home and sat by the cheery fire which Nelly had both laid and lighted, he found his daughter ready to commence the much-debated topic. Whether it was that the savory supper (tripe and onions, prepared by Nelly as a surprise for her father, and quite a success,) or that the joybells announcing the advent of Christmas drove the matter out of their minds, it is impossible to say; but when Joe lit his pipe, just before going to rest, he broached a topic far more interesting to him and his daughter than even Mdle. Fopar's capriciousness.

Their conversation was somewhat after this fashion:

Joe—When is the next mail due from —? (*Here a pause, perhaps business through the effects of the colored fire in the last scene; but Joe does not finish the sentence.*)

Nelly (*busily putting away the supper-things, and making an unnecessary clatter with the plates quite unusual for her, but serving on this occasion to direct attention from the blushes that cover her cheeks.*) Next Wednesday, father.

Joe—You didn't hear last mail, did you, Nelly?

Nelly—No, father.

Joe—(*aside a little tremulous, perhaps through the persistent pulls he is making at his pipe, as though it needed drawing.*) Not the mail before?

Nelly—No, father; but then, you see, perhaps Jem was up the country, and couldn't get his letters posted; or he might have mistaken the day the mail went out. And you forget how hard he is to work.

Joe—I hope so, my dear; though I think if he was coming his fingers to the bone he ought not to neglect writing, more especially after what we did for him.

Nelly (*blushing her father.*)—You mean what you did for him.

Joe—No, dear, I consider that the £75 we let him have was as much yours as mine. Why, was it not put in the savings bank as soon as my old aunt left me the money, and there kept to serve you as a marriage portion when the time came that you should leave your father? (*Pulls very vigorously, and cry, very hard puffs of the pipe.*) I should never have let Jem have the money to pay the debt for which he had become responsible if you had not consented.

Nelly—O, but, father, you knew I loved him.

Joe—Well, my dear, I hope he will prove worthy of you.

Nelly—You don't doubt it, my darling father? When Jem made a little money, and was about to send it over to us, and it was lost by the wreck of the vessel, didn't he write to release me from my engagement if I wished, and send you additional securities for the money you had lost him?

Joe—Well, my dear, I don't think he could do less.

Nelly—Dear father, you mustn't talk like that; for you know how much he loves me, and you know how I love him. Although I haven't heard from him for the last mail or two, yet I do not feel any concern, for I know his care. (*Nelly dropped her h's at times in the most reckless manner.*) is as true as steel. If the next letter I received from him was another offer of withdrawal from the engagement between us, I should answer as I did last time, that I was faithful if he was.

A loud peal of bells from the adjoining church put an end to a conversation regarding Jem's epistolary shortcomings, which was not particularly pleasant to either father or daughter. Joe was naturally anxious about Nelly's happiness, and his daughter didn't like her father to suspect her betrothed; so the break in the conversation, caused by the strenuous efforts of the bell-ringers, was not allowed to be bridged over, as Nelly wished her father good-night, and tripped off to bed.

If the reader has from the foregoing taken it for granted that Nelly's heart was in the possession of one of the opposite sex, (a young carpenter,) who had been a sufferer in his native country by becoming a stretch for a friend; that Joe Blimber had been the messenger of the mysterious Jem, riding over the difficulty; and that Jem had gone to a distant country with the view of retrieving his fallen fortunes, and had of late been somewhat neglectful in his correspondence with Nelly, the reader will have arrived at a tolerably correct conclusion upon a subject that was causing Joe Blimber some little anxiety.

But as for Nelly, there wasn't the least doubt in her mind as to the fidelity of the absent Jem. Not a bit of it. If she had seen Jem laughing with the most attractive and insinuating of her companions in "the front row," she wouldn't have been a bit jealous. She gave—not meaning to act able to find her way into the house, every one; and, [illegible] through Nelly's [illegible] disturbed sleep, her last thought and hope being of the coming Wednesday, and the letter from "dear toiling Jem" its arrival might herald.

A loud knock at the door, and the shrill voice of the landlady, not over pleased at having to leave the preparation of the goose to come up stairs, sounding, (for it was a height Nelly's bedroom is situated,) roused the maiden from her peaceful slumber. "Please, miss, there's a Nor'ard letter ayrive with a note. Perhaps you'll be so good as to answer him yourself, as I wants to get the goose to put down to dinner."

The landlady—the roying nature of whose culinary preparations afforded an excuse, perhaps, for her shortness of temper—does not wait for an answer, and the startled Nelly finds that the hour is half-past ten. The missive has been pushed through at the bottom of the door, and half in surprise, half in trepidation, Nelly opens the note, written in the manager's own hand, to find the following:

DEAR MISS BLIMBER: Late last night Mlle. Fopar wrote me a letter throwing up her engagement. I can think of no substitute so columbine but yourself. Will you assist me? Rehearsal to-morrow at 11. If you will oblige me by taking Fopar's place, send word by boy, and come to rehearsal to-morrow half an hour earlier than the "call," so that we can talk the matter over. I remain, dear Miss Blimber, yours very faithfully,

H. NOEGO.

Nelly rubbed her eyes in fear, lest the note was not a reality; and as surprise gave way to feelings of joy and pride that the manager should have selected her above all others to assist him in his strait, the little maiden could not restrain a tear or two, that made their appearance in her eyes. With every feature in her pretty face beaming with brightness, she hurried down-stairs to the boy waiting in the passage, and soon dispatched him with a satisfactory answer to his master. Joe had risen earlier than usual, and finding that Nelly was not awake, he resolved not to disturb her, but to go for a walk before breakfast, so he strolled through the streets for a good hour, and previous to his arrival home was quite unaware of the important missive that had been received by Nelly.

When he did get home, and found his daughter busily engaged in brushing up the stove, and with the tea-kettle on the fire singing to welcome his arrival, and his breakfast prepared for him; then, when he saw the manager's note, and Nelly came and kissed him, and said she knew she could get through Mlle. Fopar's part, even without any rehearsal at all, you, wouldn't be surprised if foolish Joe Blimber's voice grew thicker and more tremulous than in the conversation of the night before, and that he had to turn his head away from his daughter's face to conceal the few tears of paternal pride and happiness that he tried to brush from his eyes, and couldn't. Then, after a time, the father and daughter sat down to breakfast—mice hot toast, prepared by Nelly's own little fingers—but neither of them could eat a bit. Wasn't Joe full of gratitude and appreciation of the manager who had recognized the abilities of his Nelly; and wasn't Nelly herself too busy with the thoughts of the distinction bestowed upon her to talk about anything else? Then they laughed about it, and thought somebody must be playing a joke—only they didn't mean it one bit, but said so just for the sake of varying the all-absorbing topic. They talked so much about the manager's condescension in writing to Nelly, that it was nearly twelve o'clock before the breakfast things were cleared away; and then Nelly had to prepare the dinner. And such a dinner it was! Joe had bought a nice piece of beef—sirloin, and no mistake about it—and Nelly had promised to try her hand at a plum-pudding, which had been in secret preparation for several days. Surely the worthy couple might have a good dinner just once in a way, and at Christmas time too! Joe offered his assistance in the culinary preparations; but Nelly wasn't to be interfered with, more especially as Joe was rather a hindrance than otherwise. Silly old Joe! he didn't know one bit about cooking, and he kept up such a torrent of laughter, and capered about the place to such a degree, as though he was going to play harlequin to his daughter's columbine, that Nelly had to get rid of him, and so Joe put on his hat and went out. Entering a church, he got just in time for the sermon; and if any one was touched by the rector's homily, it was Joe. His heart was full of thankfulness for the blessings that had been showered upon him and the daughter of whom he was so proud. O, happy Joe Blimber, may this day be but the first of many such occasions for the outflow of thy praise and thanksgiving for the mercies bestowed upon thee by the All-seeing!

At their lodging Nelly is as busy as possible; the beef is getting on beautifully—hissing and spluttering before the cheerful fire, as if it also wished to give its congratulations to the fair young cook.

Half-past one was the time noted by the church clock within sight of Nelly's window when a knock was heard at the front door, and Nelly, who thought it must be her father, could not help wishing that he had adjourned his return just for about twenty minutes, when the dinner would have been thoroughly ready, and placed upon the table. No, it was not her father; not Joe knew his way up the stairs, and would never be assembled against the man outside the first floor's door in that noisy fashion. It couldn't be the manager, or anybody from the theatre—at least, Nelly thought not. And then, as the sound of the approaching footsteps grew more and more distinct, Nelly feels her heart beginning to beat with singular rapidity, and as the handle of the door is turned, suspicion becomes a certainty. Yes! there can't be the least doubt about it—in the doorway stands Jem Duckworth—Nelly's Jem. Duckworth—Nelly's Jem!

Did he kiss her, and take her in his arms? I should rather think he did; and what is more, held her there until the beef began to splutter and hiss so violently, that it seemed as if it intended to fall off the hook into the fire out of sheer envy and pique at not being attended to. However, Jem at last let go of his Nelly, and she, blushing as red as fire, said Jem mustn't be so silly—she didn's mean it, though—and that she must see to the dinner. So the beef was taken up just done to a turn, and a few minutes afterward Nellie heard her father's familiar footstepe on the landing. Joe expected to be welcomed with his daughter's smile; he expected to see her features illuminated by happiness and pride at the good fortune that had fallen upon her through the defection from the Nonpareil of the high-spirited Fopar; but he did not expect to see his Nelly being assisted in the preparations for dinner by the neglectful Jem Duckworth.

When Joe entered the room, there was his future son-in-law—supposed to be many miles away—helping Nelly dish up the potatoes. No wonder poor Joe looked amazed, and tried to stammer out a few words of welcome to the returned Jem, but failed in doing it. However, there was no doubting the evidence of flesh and blood, and, in taking the hand proffered him, it is certain Joe did give it a heartier shake than he would have done if he had previously been more thoroughly convinced that he was not under a delusion in fancying he saw his daughter's betrothed in their lodging. However, the confusion was soon over, and when Joe witnessed how delighted his Nelly was at his reappearance of her lover; how she laughed at Jem's awkward movements as he assisted her in placing the dinner on the table; and how Jem's honest pride in his future wife was kindled by the exhibition of her domesticity, Joe felt, after all, that it was but natural. Nelly's young heart should have alone to such a frank young fellow as Jem Duckworth.

And with regard to the meal of which the trio were about to partake, it was curious to note how anxious and perturbed Nelly was—so full of watchfulness with respect to the placing upon the table of dishes and glasses free from flaw or crack; so frequent in her apology, that if she had only known visitors were to be expected, she would have taken greater pains and made other preparations; and so startled when her father ventured the opinion that the beef was hard," an opinion afterward retracted, when it was discovered that the knife Joe was using was somewhat blunter than it should be, and that Jem had to do the carving, or else he wouldn't have any dinner at all if Nelly was so fidgety about the manner in which the beef and pudding would "turn out." Of course, the dinner was a success; Jem knew it would be. The beef was beautifully cooked, and as for the pudding, both gentlemen declared it attained the highest perfection of art.

I wonder, says the reader, if they were prejudiced? Well, perhaps they were just a little. But one fact is certain—none of his guests ventured to carry a [illegible] away with them. Jem's visit was a short one; and, of course, he had to leave immediately after dinner to report himself at the theatre. Joe reached home, and equally of course, Nelly had forgiven him for his apparent neglect. Heaven bless that little woman! she had forgiven him in her heart before the explanation had been made. How it happened was in this way. When the vessel was lost in which Jem's savings had been embarked, for dispatch to England, in order to repay the sum advanced by Joe, he resolved to try his fortune at some diggings just discovered. His letter acquainting Nelly of this determination missed one mail, so there was no hope for it but to wait until the departure of the next. Ere that Jem had made a lucky hit. One day he dug up a few nuggets, which he speedily converted into 500 of Her Most Gracious Majesty's sovereigns, and resolving not to stay in a foreign country and risk losing the money he had acquired, as well as his sweetheart, left for England, he took a passage on board the ship which was to have conveyed the intended letter. Then, when he got home, he determined to give Nelly and her father a surprise—and this was all.

Jem then produced his money, and insisted on paying Joe the seventy-five pounds borrowed. Of course both Nelly and her father demurred; but Jem would hear of only one other arrangement, which was, that Nelly should become his wife in less than a month. Of course Nelly wouldn't hear of that—O certainly not; so Jem was compelled to accept his money, and return Jem his securities.

Then, this little business over, a walk was proposed, and they set out; Jem, as in duty bound, and as inclination dictated, escorting Nelly, while Joe, who pretended he could get along better by himself, judiciously walked a little way ahead, whereby the lovers were enabled to talk over several matters interesting only to themselves, and which it would therefore be impertinent to here reproduce. Nelly blushed, laughed, (it would have done your heart good to hear Nelly Blimber's ringing laugh,) cried, was suddenly talkative, and as suddenly mute as poor Fenella; but throughout the stroll Nelly didn't meet a person happier than herself. And then Jem was such a pleasant companion, and had such plans for the future. As for Joe, he couldn't make up his mind as to whether Jem's return was an event for sorrow or rejoicing. He was glad to see his daughter so happy, and that Jem had turned out a true-hearted fellow, while, on the other hand, he could not but think of the rapidly-approaching time when Nelly's first care would be for her husband. These alternations of feeling accompanied the whole of his walk, so that he felt no regret when they again arrived home. Then Nelly prepared tea, and during the discussion of that cozy meal Jem stated the arrangements to which he had wrung an acquiescence from his betrothed. The young people were to be married in the Spring, when the pantomime season was over, for Nelly wouldn't hear of "throwing over" the complaisant manager. In the meantime, Jem was to look about him for an advantageous business to open "on his own account;" then, when the nuptial knot was tied, Joe was to come and live with them. Did that meet with Joe's approval? Didn't it!

O, never was such a happy Christmas! What with Nellie's advancement at the Nonpareil, and the approaching marriage, there was such a brisk conversation carried on that the evening passed away quite as rapidly as the afternoon had done; and when Jem wished his sweetheart good night, he left the little maiden's heart in a perfect tumult of joy, pride and hope.

Joe was prouder of his daughter than ever, when, the morning after Boxing-day, he saw Miss Blimber's graceful dancing eulogized in some of the papers, and heard her publicly spoken of as the clever daughter "of the efficient utility actor, Mr. Blimber." The pantomime was so successful, that ere its run was over Jem had got into a nice shop, and had commenced his trade of carpenter and builder ("estimates given for general repairs," &c.,) with such success as to warrant expectations of a very satisfactory return for his investment at the close of the year. But as last the wedding took place, and Noego, the manager, exceedingly well pleased at the result of the Winter season, and at the efficient aid he had received from his columbine, actually presented her on the eventful morning with a ten-pound note. Wasn't this an honor?

So Nelly the columbine, in the height of her popularity, fades from the public view, and devotes her future life to her husband. No more for her is the intoxicating applause of a crowded audience, and ambitious longing for a high position in the profession to which she has been trained. She descends from the ideal to the real; but in that new existence she has commenced a career of happiness which far transcends all her brilliant and glittering theatrical dreams. And are Nelly and her husband prosperous as well as happy? I hope so. Don't you?—*Belgravia.*

AN EXPLANATION OF THE VELOCITY OF METEORS.—The second explanation is this: That a large proportion of our meteoric visitants have been expelled or erupted from the stars—including our own sun. The most obvious objection to this hypothesis resides in the fact that what appears an utterly incredible velocity must be communicated to the expelled matter in order to render the explanation available. It is necessary that the stellar volcanoes should propel meteoric matter from their interior with a velocity sufficient to free the missiles forever thereafter from the control of their parent star. Now, to take the case of our own sun, any matter shot forth from his interior at a rate of less than 380 miles per second would return to him again, under the influence of his far-reaching attraction. It would, if undisturbed by planetary attraction, return (after a long excursion) in such sort as to strike his surface as squarely as it had left that surface. But even taking into account all disturbing forces, it would still return to the sun. A velocity exceeding that just named would free the erupted matter from the sun's influence—to that extent, at least, that though the sun would continually retard the motion of the receding matter, he would never be able to destroy that motion or change it into a motion of approach. But it seems incredible that any forces residing in the sun should be competent to propel matter from his globe at a rate so enormous.

And yet the evidence obtained during the past few years respecting the motion of the solar prominences seems to show that a velocity fully as great as that which we have spoken of may be imparted to matter expelled from the sun's substance. It is generally admitted that the prominences are due to some eruptive or at least repulsive force, exerted by the sun. They have been seen to form like jets from a fountain, rushing forth with incredible velocity till they have attained their greatest height, and then, falling back, more or less rapidly toward the sun's surface. Now, estimates have been formed respecting their velocity by direct observation, the powers of the spectroscope availing for this purpose. But we have in the height to which the prominences attain the most satisfactory evidence of the velocity with which the gas comprising them has been propelled from the sun's interior. Assuming only that the prominences are formed of projected matter, we can as certainly determine the rate of propulsion as we can determine at what rate a cannon-ball must be propelled vertically upward from the earth's surface to reach a given height. At least, we can determine the lowest velocity which would suffice—supposing we see the full height of the prominences, and nothing happens to check the upward motion of their gaseous substance. But as surely as we know that a cannon-ball must be fired at a much higher velocity to attain a given height through the air than would suffice if it could be fired in a vacuum, so, also, we can infer that whatever velocity we deduce for the prominence matter, regarding it as projected through vacant space, must fall very far short of the real velocity. May we not even go further, and consider rather the velocity with which the smoke leaves the mouth of the cannon as compared with that with which the ball leaves the muzzle? Then, if we reason on the subject from the point of view, we should decide that the prominences are not projected from the sun's interior and that which would carry a projectile in a vacuum to the observed height of the prominences.

Now the largest prominence yet seen had an enormous height of 100,000 miles; and a projectile from the sun would require a velocity of 380 miles per second at the surface to attain, even through vacant space, to this very height. It will scarcely be thought by daring to assert that the matter of this prominence must have had at least twice this velocity at starting, under the actual circumstances of resistance to which its motion was exposed. Here, then, we have evidence of a propelling force in the sun, fully equal to the discharge of meteoric matter in such sort as never to return either actually to his globe or on an orbital path close by him. If the same discharge which propelled the gaseous substance of the great prominence to a height of 100,000 miles, carried some denser substance along with it, (which seems not only credible, but exceedingly likely,) and if that substance, by virtue of its density, passed with much less loss of velocity through the solar atmosphere, (as a cannon-ball returns much more of its velocity than the same propelled along with it) then, conceivable, the sun rejected that matter for ever from his dominions on the day that the great prominence was formed. The gas of the prominence was checked in its outward course by the resisting solar atmosphere, the denser matter only by the sun's attractive force; and this force, inconceivably mighty though it is, could only deprive the departing matter of a portion of its velocity. A portion, amounting to about 125 miles per second, would still remain, and would carry the erupted matter away through space until it entered the domain of some other sun.—*The Cornhill Magazine.*

RELIGIOUS DENOMINATIONS IN AUSTRALIA.—We will first take the religious denominations. Of these the Anglican stands first in point of numbers, and is followed by the Roman Catholic, the Presbyterian and the Wesleyan. All denominations possess equal rights, enjoying the most perfect toleration and freedom, and none is specially supported by the State. The Anglican Church in New South Wales is subdivided into five dioceses—namely, those of Sydney, (the Metropolitan See,) Newcastle, Grafton and Armidale, Goulburn and Bathurst. In the diocese of Sydney (including the city of Sydney and its suburbs) there are ninety-two clergymen and 118 churches and chapels. Church accommodation is provided for about 28,000 people, and the total average attendance at public worship every Sunday is computed at about 20,000. In the other dioceses, the number of churches is of course smaller; but ample spiritual accommodation seems to be provided for the Anglicans of New South Wales, when we see that the whole colony, though as yet comparatively limited in population, has altogether 263 chapels and churches—the total number of licensed Anglican clergymen being 154.

Next in importance come the Roman Catholics. In the diocese of Sydney (also their metropolitan see) this sect has sixty-nine clergymen and eighty-two places of worship, and the total average attendance of Roman Catholics at public worship every Sunday throughout the colony is reckoned at a little over 47,000 persons. The strength of the other leading denominations may be measured with tolerable certainty by the following numbers: Presbyterians, 15,000; Wesleyans, 34,000; Congregationalists, 5,000; Baptists, 2,000; Unitarians, 450; and Jews, 400. These figures, however, it must be remembered, only represent the average attendances of regular members of these several denominations at public worship every Sabbath.—*Once a Week.*

ALBERT DURER'S WIFE.—DURER and PIRKHEIMER were friends in boyhood. The latter was rich, and of high rank in the old city; the former was poor, the son of an honest goldsmith, who had counted no less than eighteen children in his family, most of whom, indeed, had died in very early life. As they grew up the friendship continued; but while the artist was driven to hard work for his bread, the rich man devoted his life to luxury. DURER married a young girl of good family great and of beauty. He needed just such a wife as she proved. Her influence on his life was all for good. PIRKHEIMER grew to be a dissolute man, and DURER had hard work to resist his constant desire to carry him off from his wife and his studio to join in gayety. Then came the second day of the difference between the artist's wife and his friend. We can plainly see what he means when he writes to TUCHERER that she prevented ALBERT from going into society or indulging in gayety. The sort of society and gayety which PIRKHEIMER desired him to enjoy is abundantly evident from his correspondence when the artist was in Venice. The young wife had a more powerful influence on the artist than his old friend and all his alluring temptations. The result which came about is just what we often see in modern life. The friend of the man takes a strong dislike to the woman who wins the greater influence, and the woman can never forgive the man who wishes to draw her husband from her to low and vile associations.

There is a story, founded on PIRKHEIMER'S tirade, afterwards, that AGNES used to sit above her husband's working-room, and keep him at his work by speaking through a hole in the ceiling. Absurd as this is, we can imagine its origin. If such a hole there was, we have little doubt that sometimes, when ALBERT was bored to the last extreme by such lazy loungers as PIRKHEIMER, stupid from last night's excesses, and not able to see that his friend wanted to be at work, AGNES would come to his help by calling out, "ALBERCHT, are you alone? I am coming down to see you." We would take our affidavit that through that hole in the ceiling a thousand kind words went up and down, and never one other way that was not loving.

Blames PIRKHEIMER and his libels from our minds, and we may construct for DURER a home full of all that was beautiful and lovely. He had his mother, and it was the delight of his life to care for her in the lonesome years of coming age; his young brother, whom he watched and guided with tender anxiety; above all, his gentle, beautiful and faithful wife, whose face is the Madonna that he best liked of all his works, always with him. Always enjoying with him those wonderful conceptions of the beauty and grandeur of the unseen world, those exquisite home ideas of the life of the Virgin mother of the Lord, sharing constantly his every thought of earth and heaven.—*Harper's Magazine for February.*

CONVERSATION.—Conversation, like art, is an end in itself; only, like art, it should be somewhat elevated and elevating. Indeed, general conversation—which is what we are considering—has this distinguishing mark, as against special conversation, that nobody knows, or should know, where it will lead us. Special conversation is work, serious work; general conversation should be the diversion of our leisure. Special conversation is to end in a resolve, and in action. General conversation ends, as far as any visible effect is concerned, with itself. Thus, what is familiarly called "shop" should be rigidly banished from the latter. There are moments when women may fairly compare notes about their servants, their children, their dress; when lawyers may fittingly discuss their suits, their clients, their courts, their referees; when artists may properly canvass the time expended over certain pictures, their price, their technical merits, and so forth. But, be it understood, all this is business; it is nothing but "shop" let the conversation be carried on when it may. General conversation needs all of these, indeed, there is no end that it scorns; but it needs them as accessories, not as principals. They should be used as the side-lights, the fanciful illustrations flashed upon the dull theme, at moments when it is threatened with darkness or dimness. This main theme should be no one's in particular, but should seem to be any one's or times, and in turn. Time only can be reconciled the two at first seemingly conflicting conditions of all good general conversation—that it should not be mean, common or vulgar, and yet that everybody should have an interest in it. It is the humility of some and the arrogance or egotism of others, that prevent the happy combination from being more common. People usually begin with three axioms—the first of which is, that everybody is entitled (indeed bound) to form his own opinion, (at least respectively of anything he may have heard or been told; the second of which is, that everybody is equally entitled to declare that opinion; and the third of which is, that everybody's opinion is entitled to consideration, and that not only on the ground of courtesy, but because it is certain that any opinion honestly and independently formed is worth something, and opportunely expressed, may contribute in a striking manner to a current discussion. But for this most delicate accommodation to be reached, difference of opinion must no longer be thought the voice upon bad manners, and truth, or the pursuit of truth, not victory, must be the common quest.—*Temple Bar.*

OLD AND NEW COLORS.—The colors which are now mentioned as "old-fashioned"—the colors in vogue before the present century—have been almost invariably more beautiful and more becoming than any we now have. The truth of the matter is, a color may be too pure, and of late our manufacturers, urged on by the vulgar taste for merely gaudy tints, have so much improved in coloring and dyeing, that our modern colors are hideous through their extreme purity. The old-fashioned blue, which had a dash of yellow in it and which looks easily faded against the fashionable sterile blue, was one of the most exquisite tints ever worn; so was the warm dun yellow we see in the old mixture pictures; so was the rich brownish crimson. The same remark applies to Oriental colors. The old Indian and Persian manufactures, which will never grow old, look forever perfect and grand, and this is not only due to the wondrous Oriental feeling for combining colors—it is partly due to the imperfection of the colors they used. The reds are chiefly dull, the blues greenish, the white yellowish or gray, the black half-brown; this may be noticed in any old Indian carpet or shawl. But alas! the Orientals are being demoralized by the European mania for harsh and vulgar contrasts; and it is becoming more and more difficult to procure the old subdued mixtures. In the goods they fabricate for the French and English markets, they are beginning to use the cheap imported European dyes, although they still, through sheer ignorance, adhere to the old patterns. Soon they may give place to the modern hard ones, and we shall have nothing better from the East than we can make at home, as far as harmony of tints and poetry of design are concerned.

In some strange way, a certain amount of imperfection is necessary to beauty. Our perfect machinery cannot make the curiously-charming fabrics that these poor people weave with their obsolete looms; we have lost the strange charm of color which we, in common with them, once possessed to a great degree, and certainly we have not improved on the ancient patterns; we have to go back to them again and again for our lace, for our brocades, and for our carpets. We have perfected our method, and lost our picturesque effects; we have perfected our colors and lost our perceptions of, and feeling for, real beauty.—*Saint Paul's Magazine.*

THE RIGI.—Two hundred years since Rigi was an unknown solitude. Old writers never name this mountain, though its beauty was the same in olden times as now; from base to kulm a dream of scenic and botanic wealth; with snowy ridge and slope above, with oleander, fig and balsam near the water's edge. At Vitznau, in the first week of October, when the Burgundy stock and Ennethorn are white with Winter, grapes are hanging from the frames, and flowers and fruits are in Sicilian wealth and waste. On shelves of rock grow walnuts, and above them fir and larch. At Kaltbad there are ferns, and over Kaltbad sloping grassy Alps, and then a stretch of snow field to the kulm, with its unrivaled view of mountain, lake and plain. Yet all this beauty is for man a thing of yesterday. The first who mentions Rigi was a seeker after rare and lovely plants. He only wandered at her base and by the edges of her shining lakes. He left the Schiedeck and the kulm alone, as heights too poor for him to name. Some cattle straying up the hill drew shepherds after them, when huts were built for shelter, and a citizen of Arth, a hamlet on Lake Zug, erected for these lonely men the chapel of Our Lady in the Snow. This chapel of Our Lady made the Rigi famous, for miraculous cures were heard of far and wide, and pilgrims came from Altdorf and Luzern to pray for health. A flight of thirteen stages—as on Carmel—led from Unterss Dächli to Our Lady's shrine; at every stage a pilgrim knelt and prayed, and took in mountain air, and felt himself a better man. In time the cloisters and the hospice, and the chapel of St. Michus, were erected on the Rigi slopes; but years on years elapsed before a hut was built for travelers near the kulm. Not until 1848 had any one the courage to erect an inn. This inn was but a small affair, and yet the landlord's neighbors thought him mad. His house was much enlarged in 1856; and fifteen years later we were driving railway-engines almost to the chapel of Our Lady in the Snow.—*The Switzers, by W. Hepworth Dixon.*

BURMESE COURTSHIP.—The Burmese are Buddhists, and Buddhism has nothing to do with marriage. In other words, marriage is contrary to the principles of the Buddhist religion. The true Buddhist is supposed to endeavor to escape from the universe of beings, from a succession of transmigrations of the soul which would otherwise continue forever. The Buddhist Priest not only leads a life of celibacy, but will not sanctify the marriage tie by his presence

[illegible] the attendant waiters, who glide each through a door in the floor, and another, ready furnished, rose in its place. The saloon in which these suppers were after were adorned with all that was exquisite in nature and art; the dishes were interspersed with vases filled with the rarest and most beautiful flowers; the walls were covered with fine decorative paintings; statuary was everywhere; every article of furniture was a model of beauty. Attractions as these, brilliant as combined, may, they still form a favorable contrast to the coarse drunken gluttony that characterized the English feeds of the time, which were equally sensual and far more brutish. LA POMPADOUR was the first who introduced those refinements and elegancies of the table which so obtain at the present day.—*Temple Bar.*

THE AMBACHTSCHOOL AT AMSTERDAM.—Mr. JOHN MACGREGOR writes in the *School-Board Chronicle*: In a recent visit to Amsterdam on board my canoe I went to see a curious school, and much was observed there which may be of use for imitation in England. The building, specially erected, after a temporary one had been sufficient for some years' occupation, is in a quiet, healthy, and pleasant part of the town suburbs, and it is not unlike a plain industrial school. I had no introduction to the masters or authorities, but their very kind attentions were a good augry to me of what they had to show. It is ten years since this school was started, for the sons of artisans, to teach them technical handicraft in a thorough and systematic manner. The idea originated with the Society for Promoting the Interests of the Working Classes, or, as they call it in Dutch, "Maatschappy voor den werkenden stand," which itself was begun in 1854, and has now about 700 members, each subscribing 8s. 4d. per annum. Division I. of this Society is styled the "Scavengers' Brigade," and the programme, given in English, says: "On very moderate terms the public roads and thoroughfares, the gutters included, are swept and cleaned under her superintendence," &c., where the idiom reveals the honest Dutchman's translation rather amusingly, and one London mud pot tied last few weeks, would be all the better, too, for "her" broom. A benevolent fund is another department, and I was informed that members of the patient "International" are not allowed to trouble this Society. The Society also organizes exhibitions for workmen, and sends them free to such exhibitions abroad. Some of its members were thus sent to the English Workman's Show at the Agricultural Hall last year, which affair, it may be remembered, had many good wishes, but was somehow rather a failure. The Dutchmen gained a gold medal; but I was grieved and ashamed to hear that the medal has never been received from the donors. As in duty bound, I have tried to right this wrong, but hitherto in vain. Perhaps your notice of the omission may quicken the honesty of the managers of our show. Lectures attended by 1,000 persons, and classes for needlewomen with the sewing-machine are all lines of work for the Amsterdam Society, and then comes the school for boys, which we shall now look at more particularly. Here we are in the blacksmith's shop, with forges and vices at benches; all quite at present as the boys are upstairs in a light, cheerful, airy room, with long high desks across, and a fine set of young fellows all between thirteen and sixteen years of age, planning and sketching from models and machines. Their heavier muscular work is done first in the morning, and now they are at finer employments. Every boy pays for his learning, and every boy has a light, short blouse as his uniform. There are forty-five blacksmiths, sixty-four carpenters, five sculptors, and in all about 120 intelligent, bright-looking lads, as busy as busy can be, and yet evidently happy with the pleasure of learning. All of them seem to be taught something of everything, for there are eighteen hours per week given to linear drawing, sixteen to carpentering, fourteen to the forge, twelve to first principles, and ten to algebra and mathematics, and the same to the art of the turner. That honest, intelligent lad, who was presented by the Queen of Holland, and only a prize boy may work in a treadle. Models on the walls around were the King's wise presents. The corporation of Amsterdam gives £100 a year, and the Workmen's Society half that sum. Sixteen teachers conduct the classes, and the hours are in general from eight to twelve and two to four every week day. The aim is evidently to give every lad a good sound teaching of eye and hand. The carpenters' mystery in Holland finds frequent use where houses are so neat and trim, and so here the young shineler learns how to dovetail a door or fit a root-tree. The machinist in iron has plenty to do with railways, steamers, mills, and a thousand canals; and no wonder he will get good wages if, at sixteen years of age, as I saw one lad doing, he can sketch the link motion of a railway engine, and a three-and-a-half-horse Otto gas engine, and more or less feeble imitations of them from young fingers show that molding, if not sculpture, is in demand; and though the divine majesty of art is not just the Dutchman's line, even in his marvelously attractive oil-paintings, (always gold because always true) yet great artists may come out of this school as undoubtedly many good artificers have done. Three years is a long time to spend in learning technical work; but then it teaches very thoroughly, and the wages of a youth thus taught will doubtless be high at once when he works for hire. The steady, plodding Hollander looks on to this higher wage, and therefore 306 boys have completed their three years' curriculum in this school, and 257 have left it in a shorter time.

THE PILGRIM FATHERS.—Of the many people who delight to speak with interest and reverence of those grand old pioneers of British emigration to the West, few know who these redoubtable Pilgrim Fathers really were. When the *Mayflower* started from Plymouth, she had on board 100 passengers, of whom forty were men and the rest women. When, after many dangers, they at length arrived in New-England, eight of their number were chosen as the Government of the new community—these eight men were the Pilgrim Fathers. First stands JOHN CARVER, unanimously elected Governor, a man between fifty and sixty years of age—"a pious and approved gentleman as to character." This humble-minded and self-sacrificing leader only lived five months after landing. His wife, ELIZABETH, died soon after. Then comes WILLIAM BREWSTER, the ruling elder of this community, and the oldest man in the company. He had mixed, in his earlier years, among Courts and Cabinets, and had suffered much persecution for the truth's sake. His was not regarded as a pastor, although he preached, "proverbially and profitably," twice every Sabbath. He is said to have had a singularly good gift in prayer; and, like a wise man, approved of short prayers in public, because, as he said, "the spirits and heart of all—especially the weak—could hardly continue, and so long stand bent, as it were, toward God as they ought to do in that duty, without flagging and falling off." BREWSTER died in 1644, at the age of eighty years. WILLIAM BRADFORD was foremost among the younger men. He joined the Pilgrims when eighteen, and was chosen Governor in CARVER'S place when only thirty years old. He could speak six languages, and was likewise a remarkable man, being classified by the Washington of the colony. To his journal and other written records we are indebted for much of the knowledge we possess concerning the "plantation," which he governed by common consent for eighteen years. EDWARD WINSLOW is another notable character. He was of gentle birth, and an accomplished scholar—the second richest man of the party, and the happy husband of a worthy wife. Although only twenty-five years of age, he had great influence over his compatriots. His sound judgment, pleasant address and inflexible uprightness fitted him for the many diplomatic missions so successfully undertook. He died at sea, when in the service of CROMWELL, at the age of sixty. His portrait—the only one extant of any Pilgrim—represents a polished Christian gentleman; an auburn-haired Roundhead, or Iona and sour-looking ascetic, but one who might well be what he was called, some "whose life was sweet, and conversation just." ISAAC ALLERTON was a middle-aged man, and the father of a family; the merchant of the company, and an extensive speculator in after years. Then comes MILES STANDISH, of whom LONGFELLOW has so worthily sung. This stout-hearted soldier was thirty-six years of age, and sprung from an old and distinguished family. There are [illegible] property wrongfully withheld from him. Though [illegible] death, and he a second time a widower, he took Christian, that many of his compatriots would have had him to be. Constantly [illegible] member of his Church, JOHN ALDEN, who worked by his daughter's side in the pilgrim's cooper's trade, and was a house of strength to the settlement. SAMUEL FULLER was a popular physician, as well as a deacon. Though he left his wife to follow him, he brought his cradle with him, and in it was rocked—we want the surname—PERNAMPUS WHITE, the first infant Pilgrim. JOHN ALDEN, the last of the list, is another of the Pilgrim Fathers who has been overtaken by the poet. Although only a cooper by occupation, his strong, sound sense, and many sterling qualities, made him a leader among men, and he often acted as "assistant" to successive Governors. Twenty-two when he arrived in New-England, he remained there till his death, at the age of eighty-four. He married PRISCILLA MULLINS, whose name has also been immortalized by romance; for she refused the hand of Capt. MILES STANDISH, preferring the humbler attractions and more solid qualities of her younger admirer.—*Once a Week.*

FURNITURE AND DRESS.—I suppose in the happy days for artists, when there were panelled oak walls and carved window-seats, every one looked well against them, and perhaps those very walls had an indirect influence in molding the fashions; for the constantly observing, even a bit of grained oak may cultivate the eye in some measure unconsciously; but the oak, from being of a pale color, darkened with age, and in about 100 years from the time when it was put up, the extreme darkness of the rooms, especially in towns, with the black walls and low ceilings, drove the inmates in self-defense to light tints somewhere. Now as shaving the wood or repanelling would have been far too expensive a process for our thrifty ancestors, they generally took the simple means of whitewashing their walls and ceilings, and so first let in the demon of white ugliness who has at last lured most of us into his snare. Are not white walls and ceilings to be found everywhere?

Now, in a white room, when the eye is unaccustomed to it, one can scarcely for a time distinguish forms and textures. The pale glare takes the gloss out of silks, and habituates the taste to gaiety colors and an absence of shadows. And when use has brought the eye back to its original perceptive power, there is the chance that the whites will have done its woeful work; the "favorite" colors will be found greatly heightened, without any regard to complexion or propinquity, and the fashionable shapes more grotesque and grotesque. No one but old Father Time, with infinite compassion, is brave enough to tone down our glaring whites, to dim our dazzling blues, our raw greens, and warp our contorted shapes into something more easy and graceful.

The whole style of our modern furniture, as well as our modern dress, is largely due to these terrible white walls. Unlimited wheat gilding came in, plush silks and satins came in, the very designs for furniture we see all about us, coarse, florid, and conspicuous—are all due to the white walls. Everything to "tell" against them must be of this kind, gaudy and "loud." I am not deprecating all the good done by the introduction of wall papers, which have been getting paler and paler, and shinier and shinier every year; I am not even deprecating the wholesome delight in "cleanness," and the advantage of being able to see when dust accumulates; but I am convinced that the whitewash upon our walls was the commencement of our artistic deterioration, and we are only now beginning to see how great that deterioration has been.—*Saint Paul's Magazine.*

THE VITALITY OF TITLES.—The vitality of titles is almost inexplicable. Utterly unknown under some civilizations, as, for example, in all Mohammedan countries, they retain under others a hold which defies not only time and laws, but changes in public opinion apparently most hostile to their use. The desire to have them, and the wish to give them, are as strong throughout Europe today as in the time when such labels were proofs of connection with a superior and highly privileged caste. In Germany, Count BISMARCK makes a country, and takes as a part of his reward the most meaningless of all titles—that of Prince without principality. In England, though particular titles have been slightly discredited by lavishness in bestowal, the titles still valued are quite as eagerly sought as ever, and this when they convey nothing, no power or influence, or impression of birth, but only "a handle to the name," while a determined attempt to proscribe one particular kind of hereditary apparition has ignominiously failed. The public would call the Catholic Prelates by their territorial designations, and an impotent Legislature, intent on punishing the practice, was frankly and obstinately disobeyed. This last illustration is the more curious, because in two instances in our history an effort made to grant titles by people who had some sort of a right to grant them completely broke down, to the great discomfiture of the grantees. Society would have none of them. Both the Lords of the Isles and the Cockburnian Peers, said both dockmen of use, the latter in spite of their recognition by a very powerful, long-lived and aristocratic party, the Jacobites of the United Kingdom. It is only when society has accepted a title that it lives; but that acceptance conceded, nothing kills it, not even a change of manners. The French people believe in equality as a principle, and have established it as the basis of their social system, and for years made the most desperate effort to suppress the use of titles as an affront to that fundamental rule, but entirely without effect.

Courtesy will scarcely, however, explain the continued use of titles in a country like France, and by men who hate them; and we are driven to seek another explanation. We suspect that there exists in all, even above the savages a perception, almost instinctive, of the value of social formulas, a sense that every habit which tends to regulate status tends to make intercourse easier, not to others, but to themselves; that the desire to formulize facts into laws affects them in this as in every other department of social life. They are willing to grant the labels which seem to organize these differences of grade which, as they must always exist till all men are cultivated, would otherwise produce confusion, or at least discomfort, by the tax they would inflict upon the memory. The vitality of titles depends, we suspect, upon a half-unconscious sense that they add to instead of diminishing the pleasure of social intercourse, that they define in a second what else would require a troublesome definition.—*The Spectator.*

ANECDOTES OF DUMAS.—M. DE VILLEMESANT, who has now resumed his memoirs of a journalist, tells a couple of good anecdotes about ALEXANDRE DUMAS. After dwelling on the childish and harmless vanity of the author of *Monte Cristo*, the editor of *Figaro* says that he went one evening to the Théâtre Français with his friend SOUMET to see one of SOUMET'S pieces played. In the middle of the performance, ALEXANDRE DUMAS maliciously drew the author's attention to a gentleman who was fast asleep in the pit. The next evening the same couple repaired to the same theatre to see one of DUMAS' comedies, and SOUMET had the pleasure of finding a slumberer overpowered by DUMAS' prose. "Bah," retorted the latter, "it's the same fellow, who hasn't recovered some lost sleep!" A great deal of champagne used to be consumed at DUMAS' table, and one day when he called for a bottle his servant said there was no more in the cellar. DUMAS told him to fetch some from the nearest restaurant, but the man returned, saying he had been refused credit. DUMAS, unable to do without his favorite beverage, tossed him a louis, and champagne was soon forthcoming. The same scene was re-enacted every day for six weeks, when DUMAS, meeting his wine merchant, asked him why he had cut off his supply. The wine merchant declared that he had regularly forwarded 100 bottles a month. DUMAS, in great wrath, accused his servant of having robbed him; the man did not attempt to deny the charge, but flung himself on the mercy of the Court. He swore he was an orphan, that his sole support was all that his brother had drawn a best number in the conscription, &c., &c. At last DUMAS, moved by his desperate calamities, pardoned him; "but," added he in acquitting the prisoner, "the next time you make an oath pay for my own wine at least give me credit."

THE COST OF LIVING.

To the Editor of the New-York Times:

I have been very much interested in your correspondents' estimate of the cost of living. Very few had spoke but what are the ideas of people in the country, of business, well dressed, accomplished and refined in manners and personal appearance, yet are half of the hard-working men, who go to our city stores, treddon clerks. How in the name of all humanity are they to indulge on such a miserable salary? Of course, they are friends; they work in French or German stores, and can't speak a word of English; they can't go to theatres and concerts, and of musical entertainment once in a while, to any theatres, do, and when they come in figure in the street, or any entertainment only, the dear ladies, they and their are out at the small end of the horn.

Can's anyone tell me how I am expected on such a salary? Is it a wonder that our young men are going West, where the interest of a single man can hardly subsist on a salary from $1,000 to $1,500, how can one in all or nearly all respects like mine, but a clerk, live on a salary of $600?

Let us have light. CLERK.

NEW-YORK, Thursday, Feb. 1, 1873.

From G. S. F. Wells.

MR. EDITOR: I see in your No of Jan 31 considerable said about economy in living expenses And At the same time complaint of everything Tax the economy in living is all right Ah A great idea but as if our country was really would curtail extravagance in useless tobacco in All its forms And Above All Whiskey rum beer And every thing that intoxicates And just lay the half of the amount to the government on the debt how long would it last I see in your column that same man complain of paying our National debt to fast he seems to think we had Auche to leave some of it for our children to say And I see some of our representatives carry the same idear shame for cash in idear two of my boys Paid their share in the thousands of others before the war and old who never lived to see home After they went Away thank god they done their duty well my Wife my self and 6 daughters lives to enjoy the fruits of their And others doings And for me or Any other man to want to leave the debt for the coming generation I think it to forly look At it According to Mr. GRANT Entres we Are Paying Interist to the Amount of $44,000,000 Multiply that by 10 even And see the Principal that we Are to Pay tax upon; if the National debes was Paid your rents would be less our government credit would be beyond dispute it would be quite less officers to run the government consequently less Pigs to Pull their would be less talk About the Chief Magistrate of the Nation still if the Angel gabriel sat on their As caler there would be some that would find fault only because they had not got the same chance now as if we would All Put our hands in our pockets And Pull liberally And unanimously And fill our arms and tobacco we could Pay on that debt in ten years And grow richer & richer As A Nation And As A Peopple this Peopple is worth the money And could Pay that dent And not mind it but the cry of tax tax is heard All over the Land but the Idea that the Millions of Property to Pay tax on but that want the other the tax comes out of the Poor man that rents And the rich grow richer And the Poor Poorer. sir suppose that debt was Paid look At the wealth of this Nation their would be no end to her wealth and strength I for one Am willing to Pay my share Of Tax but I Think that the Poore Miserable class of hostmen they are much said About And who Are charged exorbitant Prices every day for dockage And eaven more the law requires I Am 56 years old was never drunk never used tobacco And Pray god never Flayed A card I never may but if I Live long enough I Am Sure I will live enough it is on the contentent side of one of our ferry-boats hogs And dogs would loathe the filth & in spite of All the Pases taken on the Part of ferry man to keep it clean. that is where the money goes only 100 A year for sogers Pay, one has estimated. My Editor Please give this A place in your column

Yours truly and friend,
G D F VIELE of glens falls

JERSEY CITY N J Thursday Feb 1 1873

The Marriage Question.

To the Editor of the New-York Times:

I have read with much interest some of the letters connected with the great scrapple correspondence, now being conducted in your columns. Nothing could be more judicious than your throwing open your paper to the discussion of what has come to be the great enigma of the nineteenth century, How shall the middle classes live? This is no question of theoretical belief in which one opinion is pretty much as good as another, but a real practical question, exactly demanding a practical answer, and the men who are writing about it are no mere "thinkers," speculating upon an idle problem, but men who have a real, vital interest in its satisfactory solution, and who are actually engaged in working it out. The letters you publish are "voices from the front."

The correspondence, I perceive, is being chiefly waged by the $1,500-a-year men. Some find no difficulty in living "comfortably" on this sum; others pronounce such living an impossibility, unless you have one rich father-in-law and two rich brothers-in-law on whom to pay officially sponge. If, as it is asserted, the minority of young men living upon salaries command only $1,500 a year, it is certainly time that we found out whether a man can or cannot marry upon this sum. It seems to me (and I am not young to tell you whether I am a millionaire, walking from a velvet easy chair upon a rosewood desk, or a poor member of the anomalous middle-class, scribbling on the sly from my office stool,) that "we should look at the question in the purely material light and entirely discard all considerations of refined instincts" and "cultivated tastes." My chance had no difficulty in living comfortably, according to their notions of comfort, and raising large families upon even a less sum, and it seems to me that those who, despite their "cultivated tastes," are, so far as means are concerned, living upon an equality with their brothers of the "lower orders," should copy a few pages from their book. A man's prosperity is the relation between his income and his disbursements, and, therefore, when parties with small income incurs still smaller expenditure, as such, while the man, the wife, the same income, is obliged to spend so much on "netherties" that there is nothing left for bread and butter, is poor. No entire class is so placed by Omnipotence but they cannot live in comfort, decence and heartiness. It is only when pinched in the circumstances of one class, they try to enjoy the privileges of another, that men (and women) come to grief. If two young people think enough of each other to be willing to face life together on a small income, let them heartily tackle up their hands to pay the price of so-called social position for the pleasure of each other's society, and quietly descend to a lower plane of life. Life in a fashionable quarter of the City, and association with fashionable friends, is simply impossible, and they had better understand this as once. We have yet to learn, in America, that there is more respect due to those who quietly accept the restrictions of a small income than to those who, the objects of ill-disguised pity on the part of their richer friends, persist in clinging after marriage to the extra social traditions which they held before. If the income of a family only amounts to $1,500 eat oat-meal porridge and wear linsey-woolsey, let them eat their porridge and wear their warm though homely garments, and be thankful. This is common-sense and dignity, and the opposite course is neither. If a young man on a salary of $1,500 or $2,000 a year, as is, as is manual, to be married and wishes to find among the queens of the society to which he is occasionally admitted (but which he is as no more a peer than he would be at the English court) one who is willing to share his attic with him (and mind with $1,500 a year in New-York ought to live in an attic,) let him either renounce his project and continue to live as a manger, or, as a society where he has no valid claims, or look lower, i. e., among his financial equals for a mate.

E. Y. P.

Living on $2,000 a Year.

To the Editor of the New-York Times:

I have been reading for the last two or three days in your useful and valuable paper how to live upon $2,000 a year. Now, if you will grant me the use of your columns, I shall be much indebted to you. What it cost me to live in 1871 is a mere trifle to some of the rates of your correspondents. It cost me just $1,600 to live in 1872. I did not spend any money foolishly "Economy and Health" said something about going to the "Black Creek" and buying cigars. I find and see my money has gone:

For house-rent	$300	For doctor	$25
For rations	300	For gas	20
For groceries	250	For coal	100
Total			$1,600

You see by my figures that we do not include any servants. We had none. My wife does all the house-work. If any of our correspondents could see a house, with the world, could find out how much more he could save. If I was to go to Everybody's Hotel, I should spend $2,000 in a year. We sometimes go to the theatre, &c., but do [illegible]

[illegible] Bedley, of the Reconstruction, Fire-Proof, Burglar-Proof, Lightning-Proof Company (Limited, Screamer), on Wednesday, evening [illegible] at Delmonico's. All the Wall Street [illegible] and for the affair are very select. Capt. [illegible] promises to make it a genuine success.

The following officers are announced as the staff of Gen. Pleasant, as Commander-in-Chief: Brig.-Gen. James A. Hall, Inspector-General; Col. Ezra Ammen, Assistant-Inspector-General; Col. Elias Milliken, Assistant-Commissary-General; Col. J. Manchester Bailey, Assistant Judge Advocate-General; Lieut.-Col. Alexander E. Sumner, Lieut.-Col. Edward H. Ellis, Lieut.-Col. John W. Atwell, Lieut.-Col. George W. Parker, Aids-de-Camp.

The anniversary of Washington's birthday will be celebrated by a ball at Harlem on the 11th inst. The excursion will embrace a hand, musicians and dinner.

The advancing experience of the age has demonstrated [illegible] and largely involving scientific principles cannot only be taught in schools and colleges, but [illegible] methods. Military education is a fixed fact in our civilized institutions. The old French armies owed their power to the educated officers who led them, and now Germany conquers Continently the power of a well-lighted and better military education. West Point, whether for good or evil, [illegible] herself, inadequate as it is to the wants of so great a country as ours, has proved of great value to the nation, and has, therefore, been able to successfully resist all attempts for its overthrow.

The Board of the Commissioners of Parks Department is daily expecting from Germany a full Prussian uniform, of the general pattern, the new Militia law was passed, and intended for their fancy uniform, but will be turned over to the State as their regular uniform.

Gov. Parker, of New-Jersey, has appointed the following gentlemen as his personal staff: Gen. Gershom Mott, Gen. Frank Price, Gen. John A. Wildrick, and Gen. Wm. J. Sewall.

The Artillery Association of the Army of the Potomac will hold its first general meeting in Providence, R. I., at noon on Wednesday, March 7.

The Richmond Blues were organized during the revolutionary period in the year 1780, and are therefore the same age as the Federal Government. On its muster rolls are the names of some of the prominent men of Virginia. The Richardsons, Bollings, Brockenbroughs, Gamblies, Gibbons, Bakers, Crane and Wiles were all members.

There will be very soon two military companies in Waterbury, Conn., and considerable interest is manifested there in military matters. A new German company has been organized in Hartford.

DREAMS.

A Dream Diary—Some Theories in Regard to Dreams—The Strange, the Horrible, and the Grotesque.

Some twelve years ago, during a period of some mental anxiety, I determined to keep an accurate account of my dreams—a dream diary, in fact, and, by careful analysis, without the idea of constructing any particular theory, to find out what connection there might exist between actual occurrences and the fantastic scenes observing in dreams. Dates, atmospheric phenomena, general health, mental conditions, quantity and quality of food, length of time elapsing between the last meal and sleep, and duration of sleep, were accurately noted. The effect of dreams, on waking, were observed, and special attention was given to the lasting power of dreams—by this is meant the power of the mind, when awake, to retain the dream impression during a certain period.

As has been frequently observed, I found that the power of dreaming could be very much increased at will, or that by fixing the attention on a certain subject immediately before sleeping, the thoughts could be continued during somnolency, and elaborated to a surprising degree. Though capable of dreaming somewhat at will, I found, however, that I could not restrain the power, and, though exerting myself to the utmost not to dream, dreams, and those of the most vivid character, would occur. Perhaps the most pleasurable dreams were musical ones, which could be more readily produced by a mental effort than any other. A certain musical phrase, which had struck my ear, would be analyzed during sleep in a much more thorough way than when awake. The musical construction would be quite accurately solved, and though having but a superficial knowledge of thorough bass, and hardly able to read a score without exceeding difficulty, in dreams a whole orchestra would be heard together, with the power of detecting any one particular instrument, so that on awakening, if I went immediately to a piano, I could in a moment solve a rather difficult harmony which I had vainly in my waking moments, through the day or the evening before, endeavored to unravel. Have no hesitation in asserting, then that I am a better musician when dreaming than awake. Dr. HOLMES, in his clever "Mechanism in Thoughts and Morals," says: "Remember in my youth, reading verses in a dream, written, as I thought, by a rival feeding at the muse. They were so far beyond my powers that I despaired of equaling them; yet I must have made them unconsciously as I read them. Could I only have remembered them waking!" In my own case the music I dreamt about was what I was familiar with, though occasionally long orchestral improvisations would occur. Only once I remembered any of these, which was what I thought like a musical symphony. When awake, I was able to construct some ten bars as a sixette out of it; after writing down this much, not another note would follow. Having shown it to a musician, he declared it as resembling something of Rossini, (heard by me fifteen years, before and entirely forgotten,) but added that the musical grammar employed by me was creditable. I am perfectly certain I should never have been able to construct it at all without having dreamt it.

The act of noting down one's dreams on the spur of the moment was of a singularly uncomfortable character. The power to read my wide awake, was only attained after a long period of practice. I was obliged to have by my bed-side candle, matches, paper and pencil, and even then, after quite a long experience, I have found myself of a morning, with the writing materials in my hand, with some confused idea of having tried to record something, with no tangible trace on the paper, save some few blurred marks. Almost every one is conscious of having dreamed something, which on awakening, has been lost. The fixed thought in the brain, instantly seizing it on its first moments of awakening, did at last prevail, and I became almost always wide awake enough not only to give some full details of my dream, but even to draw some figures or forms, which occasionally would be so peculiar or grotesque as to be otherwise indescribable. From a pretty large collection of dreams taken from my note-book, some common-place, some incongruous, I select a few as a fair sample of them all.

May, 1861.—Duration of sleep five hours. Dream very confused. A volunteer soldier of an Ohio regiment was trying to place in his knapsack a number of articles, which seemed like groceries. The knapsack partook of the character of a bucket. Each parcel was made up in paper, and tied with a string. Was much disturbed because they would not pack close enough. Put the parcels in and out several times. On awakening the impression was of a most distressing character, as if everything depended on my packing the whole number of parcels in the bucket. Now, as to the reasons for the dream. Presence of Ohio volunteers in the city that morning. Had purchased a book, which a clerk had very neatly put up in paper, and tied with a string. Had opened the package in the street, had thrown away paper and string, and had thought it tasteless to throw away so good a piece of string. Had no difficulty in recognizing the dream on awakening, but should have forgotten it entirely if not for the notes taken on the spot.

June.—Dream of a most painful character. Awoke in a fright, with sensations, and a strong disposition to scream. Dreamed that M. had been killed in a slave insurrection. There was no action in the dream, simply the horrid certainty of the fact. The plausible reader was that I had read that day of a supposed insurrection of slaves in Louisiana.

June.—Three separate dreams. The first was that I had met LOUIS NAPOLEON and the Empress, accompanied by two of their children. Remembered that there was but one child, but was convinced after a while that the Empress had two children. Thought EUGENIE was strikingly like my picture, but was very sunburnt, and complained of being very hot, that they were tired and very cross. Talked with Louis Napoleon about the Crimean War and Russia. Informed him that [illegible]

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The act of noting down one's dreams on the spur of the moment was of a singularly uncomfortable character. The power to read my wide awake, was only attained after a long period of practice. I was obliged to have by my bed-side candle, matches, paper and pencil, and even then, after quite a long experience, I have found myself of a morning, with the writing materials in my hand, with some confused idea of having tried to record something, with no tangible trace on the paper, save some few blurred marks. Almost every one is conscious of having dreamed something, which on awakening, has been lost. The fixed thought in the brain, instantly seizing it on its first moments of awakening, did at last prevail, and I became almost always wide awake enough not only to give some full details of my dream, but even to draw some figures or forms, which occasionally would be so peculiar or grotesque as to be otherwise indescribable. From a pretty large collection of dreams taken from my note-book, some common-place, some incongruous, I select a few as a fair sample of them all.

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Judge BEDFORD's Grand Jury has brought in indictments against the following persons, more or less connected with the Ring frauds: Wm. M. Tweed, Peter B. Sweeny, Tom Fields, J. H. Ingersoll, A. J. Garvey, G. A. Woodward, J. McBride Davidson, A. G. Miller, H. W. Genet, Henry H. Smith, Hugh Smith and W. H. Cooke. Eight of these are at present outside of the jurisdiction of the Sheriff of New-York. TWEED has already several indictments to answer, and HARRY GENET, TOM FIELDS and A. G. MILLER will, doubtless, be able to get released by the aid of Judge BARNARD, on bail as insignificant as that which was thought sufficient for TWEED. With this, however, the Grand Jury has nothing to do. Its members have, so far, done their work faithfully and well—to far better purpose, at least, than any of their immediate predecessors. The public will miss the name of A. OAKEY HALL in this new batch of indictments. The Jury have asked for and obtained a further extension of two weeks, and during that time we trust that any dissensions among their members as to the precise degree of HALL's guilt, may be arranged, and that they may complete the debt of gratitude under which they have already laid their fellow-citizens, by bringing in a true bill for fraudulent breach of trust against Mayor HALL.

We trust that the public will watch narrowly the items submitted by the various Departments to the Interim Board of Apportionment as their estimates for the present year. We published yesterday Mr. VAN NORT's estimate of the sums required by the various Bureaus of the Department of Public Works. In the aggregate ($2,077,197) it closely corresponds with the sum voted to the Department under TWEED's superintendence. There are, it is true, some valid reasons given for the apparent extravagance of certain items. There are others, however, which are plainly very much in excess of what public necessity demands, and which the public will not quietly submit to pay. Take, for example, $15,000 for "contingencies." This is a ridiculously large sum to be voted for perpetly indefinite purposes. The sum asked for "printing for Departments" ($30,000) is also far too large, and the same remark applies to the $60,000 estimated for "stationery and blank-books," to the $25,000 for "supplies and cleaning public offices," and the $10,000 for "sprinkling roads and avenues." In spite of all we have heard about the reduction of sinecures, Mr. VAN NORT asks $295,000 for salaries against TWEED'S $240,270. After the figures we have given relating to the fraudulent expenditures of the Bureau of Lamps and Gas, it is somewhat startling to find $1,149,107 asked as the proportion for this department of public service. If Mr. VAN NORT, or any other City official, thinks that the people will tamely put up with a repetition of the blasted estimates of the Tammany régime, the sooner he is undeceived the better.

Controller GROSS, acting as President of the new Board of Audit, is right in pressing the immediate consideration of the unpaid and perfectly legal claims of the charitable institutions against the City. Executive backbiting is being indulged in therefore to delay by the postponement of the Board of Apportionment in unjustly depriving these institutions of their hard share of public money, and the new Board cannot too soon redress the injury.

Col. SPEYSSER is re-establishing with all possible promptitude the economical traditions of the original Board of Commissioners in the Department of Parks. He has already reduced the force of men in the employ of the Department by 1,000, leaving a roll amply sufficient to carry on all necessary works and to maintain the parks, places and boulevards in a way which will be perfectly satisfactory to the public. We shall have no more of HUSSON's gravel contracts under the administration of Col. SPEYSSER; the day of the patent lamps, charged at fancy prices, and of ornamental lamp-posts, liberally distributed before the houses of Ring magnates, is over. Judge HILTON's marvelous achievements in gardening and decoration were altogether too expensive for our over-taxed community, being not only outrages upon good taste, but upon the public purse.

Custom-House Misrepresentation.

We have been obliged heretofore to show that the purpose of the *Tribune* for some time past has been, not truth or the public good, but to gain its own ends and those of its faction by slandering its opponents. We are ready to stop doing this kind of work as soon as the *Tribune* ceases to make it necessary. It is not pleasant. Discussion of principles or of measures, even with a sharp and bitter opponent, is not without its pleasure, and generally affords some instruction to both parties to the controversy, and almost always to their audience. But the *Tribune's* motto at present is, "Men, not principles;" it is animated by one of the meanest and measest and most hateful of human passions—jealousy; it desires only the destruction of the men that have balked its project of getting absolute control of the Republican Party, and to attain that end it stops at nothing. The chief object of its spite for the present is Mr. CORNELL, Surveyor of the Port, whom it charged in unmistakable although not actionable words, with perjury; the assumed ground of the action being the assertion of a man whose pretended cause against Ex-Collector MURPHY broke down shamefully, and was thrust out of Court, and of whom itself says, in its wrath at the pitiful position in which he has placed it, "he cannot be believed." Under these circumstances, what is its retraction or correction of the slanderous imputation put upon Mr. CORNELL? This: "We suppose it evident that Surveyor CORNELL swore as near to perjury as he dared, in his efforts to clear the Custom-house from any assessment for political purposes;" and again: "Mr. CORNELL has, irrespective of SHERIDAN, sworn as nearly off the truth as he dared." This is the style in which the *Tribune* treats a gentleman of intelligence, position and character because he has helped to spoil its plans and defeat its candidates; whose iniquities, in fact, are summed up in the fact that he was, as the *Tribune* is not wise enough to allow the world to forget, "Chairman of the Republican State Central Committee."

Now, in the first place, Mr. CORNELL made no "efforts" to clear the Custom-house from the imputation of such wrong as is implied in an assessment on salaries for political purposes. The sense conveyed, and intended to be conveyed, by that word "efforts" is wrongful, injurious, and, to put the case as mildly as possible, disingenuous. It is, however, in perfect keeping with the *Tribune's* course on this subject from the beginning, and, therefore, is not worthy of particular notice. Mr. CORNELL was not a voluntary witness before the Investigating Committee. He was there because he was summoned, and when there he volunteered no testimony, at least upon this subject. He merely answered the questions that were put to him, and his answers have been supported in every particular by the best evidence from all quarters. Nor was he a voluntary witness in the suit, if suit it must be called, brought by the man who "cannot be believed," and in which SHERIDAN and the *Tribune*, the *Tribune* and SHERIDAN, with their affidavits and their leaders, and their leaders and their affidavits, were swept out of Court in such a promiscuous mass that it was impossible to tell the one from the other, and will be, this many a day. Mr. CORNELL went there compelled by a subpœna, or at least sure that he would be so compelled if he did not go otherwise, (for we have had no communication with him upon this subject,) and his evidence was just what he was asked to give—that and no more. To speak of such action as efforts, is to use language for the purpose of misrepresenting the truth and misleading the reader. The writer, in his own words, wrote "as nearly off the truth as he dared."

And, in the next place, the mention of perjury again in connection with the evidence given by Mr. CORNELL is an example of malice and effrontery carried to a monstrous pitch. The occasion of this renewed imputation is the fact that, although Mr. CORNELL denied that contributions were exacted from Custom-house officers as a condition of retaining office, he admitted that such contributions were voluntarily made by many of his subordinates, some of whom excused themselves from doing so on the score of poverty, and a few of whom even had their contributions returned to them for the same reason. Now, as to the exaction of contributions for political purposes, Mr. CORNELL's testimony that there was no such exaction was sustained by every witness, including those called in the interest of the *Tribune* by the man who "cannot be believed." As to the fact that contributions are made by Custom-house officers and clerks on occasion of important elections, has the *Tribune* really the face to attempt to pass this off upon the public as a new iniquity, or a new discovery of an old iniquity, or, as long as it is so voluntary, as an demoralizing at all? If the *Tribune* had proved anything, it would have proved that, instead of making us to have it would have found as we have plenty of evidence on good on that point which it has been obliged to set down in sheer desperation as one which "cannot be believed," that political contributions from Custom-house officers and clerks have been common for at least twenty or thirty years; that they are not exacted under threat, even implied threat of removal in case of refusal, although under Democratic discipline there was very strong expectation that they would be made; that it came to be thought "shabby if a fellow wouldn't give something to support the party and the Collector that gave him the place;" that the contributions were made on or about one day, to wit, pay-day, for the very simple and obvious reason that that is the time when salaried men are best able to make any contributions. Moreover, it would have discovered, upon equally good testimony, that there has been less pressure from any quarter upon officers and clerks in this regard during the last three years than for many years previous; that is, that the Collector, heads of Departments and divisions, and superior officers have protected their subordinates against the moral force sometimes used by outside politicians to bring out a large contribution from the Custom-house, just as a like force is sometimes applied to a wealthy congregation to bring out a large contribution to this mission or that cause. The essential point in this question is the exaction under threat, actual or implied, of removal if the contribution is not made; and here the *Tribune's* case has broken down utterly. Not before the Committee, nor before the Court, nor before the public has a single competent and credible witness appeared who testified to his knowledge of any such exaction since the election of Gen. GRANT.

This matter is, in itself, one of very small importance; but it has acquired importance as a perfect example of the spirit in which the *Tribune* and those whom it represents are attacking Gen. GRANT's administration. It will prove an example also of the degree of success that will be attained by these disinterested patriots.

Woman in Modern Society.

Where there is so much smoke, there certainly must be some fire, and under all this agitation of the rights and wrongs of woman there must be some serious cause. Without undertaking now to go over the whole ground of the subject, we will only look at the main points in woman's present position in society.

Whether we like it or not, we must be content to call our age distinctively democratic, and its ruling ideas are liberty and equality. Whether these ideas are carried out or not, they are in the minds of our people, and of women as well as of men. But what different effects they produce in the two sexes! Man is, on the whole, invigorated and elevated by the democratic age. We are generally educated not only in the rudiments of learning, but in some practical business, and our boys for the most part start in life with a fair prospect of taking care of themselves, as well as with a strong ambition to do this. The average American boy prefers any kind of honest work to dishonorable indolence, and our schools and colleges are training our youth more and more to carry their book learning into practical use and manly enterprise. Our best young men have been willing to bear the trials of the camp, and to rough it in every way on the engineer's survey or the naturalist's exploration. Our modern life exacts this of man, that they should be actually good for something and do something.

Is it so with women? Does modern society call her down from her aristocratic position or fancy, and train her to be useful? Is any sort of business set before her as the true aim, and are young girls of little or no fortune taught to look to useful industry instead of dainty gentility as the end of their aspiration and effort? Quite the contrary, on the whole, the fact appears to be. More girls are taught certain useful arts, indeed, than of old, and many are studying elegant accomplishments that help them to a livelihood. But on the whole the taste of women is less for utility than in the days of our mothers and grandmothers. The difference between them and men, in that respect, is this. Their tastes and wishes and habits are leveled upward to the standard of the luxurious lady, while the tastes and wishes and habits of men are leveled downward to the standard of the business man. Modern society educates in our girls dainty softness and indolent exaction, while it encourages in our men practical aims and business thrift. The mechanic's daughter scorns house-work and insists upon dressing as nearly as possible after the style of the merchant's wife, and she must have her piano, while the merchant's son may like to try his hand at the mechanic's bench and begin there his training in architecture. In other words, with girls the democratic passion is to be the fine lady of leisure, while with boys the passion is to be the man of business. Thus the same spirit of equality that gives softness and inefficiency to girls, gives hardihood and efficiency to boys.

Test this distinction by "the most characteristic" mark of social position—we refer to dress. Is it not clear that our democratic habit is leveling women's dress upward to the mode of high fashion, while it is leveling man's dress downward to the simplicity of business? There is no part of our country where the fashion-plates do not regulate the bonnets and dresses of women; and even among the peasants of Europe, where, as in the Tyrol and Switzerland, certain costumes have been established for ages, and the grandmother's portrait represents the grand-daughter's gala attire, the new modes are showing themselves, and French fashions keep up the prestige no longer held by French bagonets. Every farmer's daughter has her clothes made according to the prevailing mode with as expensive material and as frequent changes as possible, while the boys of the family make their account of the cloth, and the coat and pot hat are made to give money for years. Still they be worn yet. Now this distinction has a of great importance both morally and materially. Dress is one of the great powers of our age, and it is remarkable that at present it is in the ascendant, of dressed's subjection (as it were) emancipation. In old times the great thing about a man was his clothes, and to be a gentleman implied an enormous outlay in silks, velvets, embroidery, gold and jewels. Now, a true gentleman is sure to be clearly clad, and showy costumes are left to fashion fops. But with women, the case is different; and the most intelligent and worthy of the sex readily envy the most costly bonnets and dresses, and wear diamonds and laces that are in themselves a fortune. Their poorer associates envy the elegance that they cannot rival, and sometimes character as well as contentment is the price paid for the aspiration. A single party dress, that is worn but a few times, costs a fashionable woman some $100, while her husband, for less than half the sum, can buy a full-dress suit that he can wear for years.

How all this is to end, who knows? When is the best spirit of modern times to reach woman and give her a fair share in the emancipation in which man rejoices? It is a great question, and without going far into the matter now, we must be content with saying that, when the true and essential womanhood is brought out and appreciated as true manhood is now appreciated, some relief will appear, and, in the true Republic, the clothes will be secondary and the woman will be primary, and not vice versa, as now.

The Library We Want.

In discussing the subject of a Free Public Library, a few days ago, we showed that, in its large and valuable collection of books, its substantial building, its situation, and, finally, in the fortunate non-occupancy of the adjoining lots, owned by the ASTOR family, the Astor Library presented all the elements of a foundation for an institution of the kind New-York so greatly needs. For a hundred years to come, a representative of almost every family living above the line of Eighth-street must pass this point at least once a day; while, for those who live below that line, the site of the Astor Library is more convenient of access than any other which could be selected.

It remains now to consider the possibility of so building upon this foundation that the superstructure shall become a permanent and fully-furnished source of profit to our citizens. We believe that the material with which to do this lies close at hand. The union of the Mercantile and Astor Libraries would promptly solve the most difficult parts of the problem. We do not conceive that the money feature is likely to defeat the scheme when once its feasibility is demonstrated, and the details of organization and management are developed. Deferring for the present a consideration of any plan of union, let us look at the peculiar adaptation of such a project to the necessities of the case.

We have spoken emphatically of the value of the Astor collection of books as a foundation. But for several years no books of importance have been added, and whoever wishes to consult authorities less than seventy or eighty years old must pursue his investigations elsewhere. This deficiency of the Astor is largely supplied by the Mercantile collection, to which the active and liberal management of the past ten years has lavishly contributed this class of works. There are several departments in the Astor which are especially poor and meagre, which the stores of the Mercantile would at once render respectable, if not rich. These are the departments of American Genealogy, Town Histories, American Biography, Directories, American Newspapers, and United States Public Documents. There is scarcely a department of the Astor, moreover, to which the Mercantile could not contribute very many comparatively new books; thus making them reasonably complete. Probably fifty thousand volumes could thus be added, by the one to the other, of such works as the Astor really needs to make it satisfactory as a reference library. Such an accession of itself would make the Astor a larger library than the Boston Public Library now is in all its departments. After thus contributing fifty thousand volumes to the reference branch of the Astor, the Mercantile could begin the erection, upon such a foundation, of a circulating department, by turning over at least seventy-five thousand volumes more for lending purposes. Probably no better selection for such a department was ever made or ever could be made; for it is largely the selection of a great reading public itself. These books have been bought, as most of us know, either at the suggestion of readers themselves, or to meet their known wants. There are few "dead" books among them, (and a margin of fifteen thousand volumes has been allowed for such as might not be worth the transfer,) and, having been bought to gratify so many different tastes, they cover a much wider range, perhaps, than the books of any other existing institution whose stores are accessible to the public.

The new Circulating Department would have this other important advantage. Having grown up under the auspices of men who have favored the utmost liberality in the duplicating of books, it could not fail to carry with it the necessity of continuing that system. Thus, the New-York public would have access to a library wholly unlike and in advance of any other free public library in the world. Not a library having one set only of DICKENS and COOPER, but fifty; not one or two sets only of SCOTT and THACKERAY, and JAMES, and DUMAS, but forty; a library to which the borrower may come with the certainty of getting at any time any volume he may ask for of the works of Hume, Gibbon, Macaulay, Froude, Bancroft, Hildreth, Prescott or Motley. What a boon to the public would a free library of this kind be! The Astor library thus reinforced would, in the judgment of its enforcement, at least close to the ability of reliable to warrant, for success over existing institutions. And what, either by the gift of enthusiastic patrons, or by the usual institutions of some such person as that proposed by Mr. JUNE, a handsome yearly sum is guaranteed for the permanent maintenance, with an Astor Free Public Library as we have sketched, would possess an aggregate of means which would soon make it one of the largest libraries in the world.

Now, if such possibilities are involved in the union of these two libraries, why not realize them at once? Why is it necessary to go through slow and expensive processes in order to get a public library, and build one up de novo, when, ready to the hundred thousand, already bought and paid for, are here awaiting an opportunity to fulfill their useful mission? These are questions deserving of serious consideration and a candid reply. We have too much faith in the generosity and public spirit of our wealthy citizens to doubt what that reply will be.

The Small-Pox Hospital.

From a report which appeared in the TIMES a few days back, we are compelled to believe that the continuance of small-pox in this City up to the present day is due, for the most part, to the culpable negligence of those who have charge of the Small-pox Hospital on Blackwell's Island. After a cure has been effected, the patients, we are told, are permitted to resume their infected clothing, and to return to their homes. In this way the street-cars are polluted, and the terrible disease scattered through the several Wards. At the Hospital, the patients are treated in a most inhuman manner if they are not able to pay for "luxuries;" the straw that has served one is transferred to the bed of another; in short, all sorts of follies are committed by the officials and their deputies, with perfect impunity. The Commissioners of Charities and Correction, who are required by law to supervise the management of the hospitals sustained by public taxation, never jeopardize their heads by putting them inside the door of the Small-pox Hospital, and to this fact is due the lax discipline referred to, and the sad results which have followed.

In another column we publish today a special plea from Dr. HALLOCK, Jr., in favor of the small-pox hospital. He represents himself as the resident physician at Castle Garden, and we must certainly say that his "plea" loses very much of the effect it might have had but for this circumstance. Some of the Commissioners of Charities and Correction happen to be also Commissioners of Emigration, and it is, therefore, quite reasonable to suppose that the object of the resident physician at Castle Garden is simply to give his masters a little cheap whitewash. He does not attempt, however, to deny the truth of the statements made in our news columns in reference to the general treatment of the patients who cannot afford to pay $5 per week for board, but he admits that the accommodation has not been adequate, and promises that this will soon be remedied.

The off-hand manner in which he excuses the Health Board for not giving more attention to small-pox is very amusing. According to his notion, "it is not fair or judicious to expect too much from any one department," and as the Health Board has to attend to the lower part of Mulberry-street and to guard against the arrival of a grim visitor from Asia, "it should be excused from doing more." Now, it is very evident that a great deal of injury is being done through this shifting, from one board to another, of a very important public duty. Week after week we are entertained as the report of Dr. MORRIS by interesting allusions to the valuable services that are performed by a corps of vaccinating physicians. We have no doubt Dr. MORRIS believes that we are indebted to these indefatigable gentlemen for not having small-pox raging throughout the City in its worst form. Possibly this may be the case, but, in the face of such an opinion, it does seem strange that no attempt should have been made to prevent the convalescent patients from returning to their homes in infected clothing. That there has been a criminal neglect of duty somewhere no one can deny, and the sooner the responsibility is placed upon the proper shoulders, the better it will be for the public.

Russia and India.

A Russian paper, the *Exchange Gazette*, has published an article of a nature hostile to England, and which has attracted even more attention than the recent utterances of the *Golos* as advance to Germany. The article proposes the establishment of railway communication between Russia and India. It points out that the Americans have succeeded in uniting the Atlantic and Pacific by a railway, and asserts that there is no reason why the Russians should not succeed in a like undertaking. England, we are told, is contemplating the establishment of railway communication with India through Turkey and Persia; but the Russian project would have great advantages over the English one. The existing system of Russian railroads terminates on the banks of the Volga; and from this point to India is much nearer than from Constantinople to India. It further might happen, observes the *Gazette*, that "Russia, by pushing forward through Samarcand, would conquer Persia and Asiatic Turkey, in which case the English railway would fall into the power of Russia."

The indirect advantages of the scheme are described with equal candor. It is admitted that the naval power of England will, for some time, make her impregnable at home, and capable of inflicting great damage on any other naval State in the event of a conflict. England can only be attacked by land, and so far as Russia is concerned only in India. "She is also vulnerable in Canada, and we see how she strives to be friendly with the United States, while she does all she can to injure Russia, knowing that the Russians are too far off to do her any immediate harm." The ominous stops out here that inspired Mr. CATHCART, and finds definite expression in the astounding announcement that the easiest way to treat Russia is by about a different policy pursued Russia in the Russia to get on with England in India and the United States are sure to be for Canada. At moment "when Germany, Austria or Turkey wants to do anything against Russia, we may be sure that England is on their side;" but if that power knew that Russia could strike to hurt in only English behavior would be very different.

The general indescretion drawn here is of course, no new thing, but the remedy proposed in moral land looks plausible. There would probably be numerous topographical difficulties to overcome, and the cost of the road suggested would be enormous. Still, the example of the trans-continental roads of America, answers both these objections, and the incalculable material gain, to say nothing of the political influence attainable by Russia through the consummation of the scheme, would make it well worth her while to try to carry it out, even in the absence of successful precedents. Whether the other great Powers would be disposed to assent to its peaceable consummation is a matter of conjecture. Once connect the Bay of Bengal with the Baltic by a Russian railway, and the fate of Constantinople would be sealed; and it is only when the considerations that have been so strongly operative on this point for generations past have ceased to govern the policy of the Western Powers that such a contingency is likely to be tamely accepted.

MINOR TOPICS.

We hear grave complaints of the offensive smells, which, emanating from the basement of the building, penetrate the reading-rooms of the Astor Library. Gentlemen in the habit of frequenting the institution state that these odors are of that kind which usually produces typhoid fever. Inasmuch as Mr. ASTOR's residence is next door to the Library, it might be well worth that gentleman's while, for his own sake, to take immediate steps for the abatement of this dangerous nuisance.

Gov. PALMER has vetoed the bill lately passed by the Legislature of Illinois, to "Regulate the Manner of Applying for Reprieves, Commutations and Pardons." According to its provisions a prisoner seeking pardon would be obliged to send a written petition to the Executive three weeks after having given notice of his intention to the State's Attorney of the city or county where the offense was committed. The Attorney is then supposed to give notice of the purpose of the criminal to the person or the persons interested in the prosecution. In the message which accompanies the veto, the Governor takes particular pains to point out that the act as passed, if it became law, would be in direct violation of the State Constitution, which declares him to be the exclusive judge of the propriety of granting reprieves and pardons. Moreover, he thinks it would often prove a great hardship to prisoners who can neither read or write to be compelled to comply with such a law; that there would be much trouble in deciding who should receive the preliminary notice in cases wherein railroads and other corporations may be concerned; and finally, in regard to the responsibility attaching to the office of State Attorney, it appears there is no clause to compel attorneys to give the notice contemplated by the act, or to allow the Governor to revoke their emoluments. Gov. PALMER believes that assistance might very properly be given to the Executive in collecting the testimony favoring the pardon of prisoners, but he is opposed altogether to the idea of having more restraints put upon him in the exercise of his power than is already provided for through "publicity and the watchful criticisms of the Press and people." The New-Jersey Board of Pardons, since its organization, has done good service, but "Jersey justice" is so peculiarly stringent that it becomes, at least, a debatable question whether the same system would be found to work with equal success in other States.

Those who are alarmed about nihilism to our not inconsiderable criminal resources, will be doubtless be much interested to learn that fresh foreign supplies are on hand. A few nights ago a hundred and fifty thieves sat down to supper in the neighborhood of London on the invitation of "Ned Whitney," who is known as "the Converted Burglar." In the course of the evening Mr. WHITNEY intimated that a wealthy London banker had announced his intention of taking under his patronage a number of the boys then present, who might be desirous of earning an honest livelihood, and "furnishing them with money and clothes to make a fair start in life." Numerous candidates immediately offered themselves for participation in these advantages, and inasmuch as Australia is twelve weeks journey, and America twelve days, there is little doubt but that we shall get some of the benevolent banker's money and clothes over here. New-York is already so amply supplied with home criminal produce that constant accessions of the foreign article are becoming a little de trop, and perhaps all the more so, seeing that the fire has, in a great degree, deprived us of our safety-valve, Chicago, to which city we owed deep obligations in this respect, and for whose revival, if merely as our cave of Adullam, we must ever pray.

A remarkable instance of the prodigious folly into which meanness may lead a man has been lately afforded in the case of one Mr. CONNOLLY, Member of Parliament for Dragheda, Ireland. This person, having taken a lodging in London, to give the Legislature the benefit of his talents, was scandalized at discovering that "a half-used square of Windsor soap, value one penny," had been removed from his room. Substantial beds are, we know, not always clean, and the loss of inconsiderable material was in this instance most unjustly felt. A detective was summoned, and a careful search on the part of this acute officer discovered the missing marvel in the lodger's room. The hardy criminal was hurried to the cell of the Police Court, but, outrageous to relate, the Magistrate, pandering, no doubt, to low popularity, positively refused to entertain the charge. Before long the jobbies were turned, and an action of "SCANLAN against CONNOLLY" came before the County Court, when the jury returned a verdict of £40 for the plaintiff, with liberal costs, and the Judge ordered immediate payment. We should not wonder if "How are you off for soap?" was a popular cry at the next Dragheda election, accompanied by liberal gifts of soap a little past their primitive freshness, and cuts which have exhausted even nine lives.

CONSTANTINE OSCAR EUGENE MECKLENBURG, a gentleman who has entitled the right, as of the San Francisco Chronicle that he is the Secretary of State of the Russian Empire, has now turned up in the character of a victim. He claims to be the affianced husband of a young Massachusetts lady, who is expected to be heiress in her own right to property valued at some two millions of dollars, and declares that he is surrounded by a band of blackmailers, who are continually endeavoring by foul means whatever means to bar the fulfillment. About a year ago quite a stir was created in New-York fashionable society by the "eccentricities" of this same nobleman. He was charged with having stolen a diamond ring from a young lady, but for reasons best known to the parties concerned, the case never came to trial. The Count declares the ring was given him as a pledge of affection, and that the charge was trumped up by persons who decided to inflict upon him an irreparable injury. After this experience it appears that he went to Europe, but the love which he bore his American Amelie was so strong that he was compelled to make sixteen trips across the Atlantic to visit her. The father of the heiress, bewitched by his nobleman, has finally consented to allow the marriage to take place in nine months, and pending the happy event he is trying to kill time by breathing the Bazar of the singing belles of San Francisco.

MAZZINI is now sixty-four, but agitation seems to agree with him, for he pursues the business with unabated ardor. He is now acting in concert with the Internationalists. Although he does not coincide with their socialist views, he and they agree in the design of totally overthrowing the work of CAVOUR's life, Italian unity, and establishing a democratic republic. It is asserted that the Italian Internationalists are ready to sink their various differences in a united effort for this end.

John Hall. Davidson's Safes.

We have received the following letters, and lose no time in placing them before the public:

To the Editor of the New-York Times:

In the columns of your valuable paper this morning, I noticed in the safe-list my name charged with a safe costing $1,850. I ask that you publish the following affidavit:

City and County of New-York, ss.: JOHN FOX, being duly sworn, doth depose and say, that he did not at any time order or purchase a safe, valued at $1,850, from JOHN MCB. DAVIDSON & Co.; that he never received any such safe, nor was the same delivered on deponent's order to any person; that the only transaction he had with the firm of JOHN MCB. DAVIDSON was that of the purchase of a safe for the Foundling Asylum, which was delivered to Sister IRENE as a personal contribution to the Asylum, for which safe deponent gave and then his check for the sum of $450, taking a receipt in full for all demands up to May 30, 1870. According to DAVIDSON's own books the safe charged to deponent is alleged to have been purchased May, 1869. That deponent did not have any transaction with said firm before said May 30, 1870, nor has he had any dealings with said firm since said date.

The following is a copy of voucher for the payment of the safe purchased by deponent:

NEW-YORK, May 30, 1870.

The Importers' and Traders' National Bank of New-York:

Pay to JOHN MCB. DAVIDSON four hundred and fifty dollars (450.) JOHN FOX.

Endorsed:

Safe Foundling Asylum,
J. MCB. DAVIDSON,
CHAS. A. HOFF.

Sworn before me, Feb. 3, 1872, ROBERT H. JOHNSTON, Notary Public, County of New-York.

JOHN FOX, No. 2 Morris-street.

NEW-YORK, Saturday, Feb. 3, 1872.

To the Editor of the New-York Times:

In your issue of the 1st inst., Judge LOEW is charged with having received one of Mr. J. MCB. D. DAVIDSON's safes, from the City.

The safe in question was sent to Judge LOEW as my request, and paid for by me, as can be shown by a receipt therefor from Mr. DAVIDSON.

In justice to Judge LOEW, I trust you will make the necessary correction, remaining

Respectfully, JOS. KOCH.

NEW-YORK, Saturday, Feb. 3, 1872.

To the Editor of the New-York Times:

My attention has been called to an article in today's TIMES to MCB. DAVIDSON's safe account. Several charges appear against "GEO. H. MCLEAN." I assume they are intended for me. The charges as stated are incorrect. I have received but one safe from Mr. DAVIDSON, value $125, and if that has not been paid for it is his fault and not mine. By making this correction you will oblige, GEO. H. MCLEAN.

SATURDAY, Feb. 3, 1872.

What Our Magistrates Are Interested.

Several spectators of the TIMES were charged with a mission, yesterday, to clean some facts relative to the safes furnished by J. MCBURNE DAVIDSON to private individuals at the expense of the City. An effort to obtain some kind of a statement from the members of the Ring and the Tammany politicians who were credited with safes in the TIMES list, was unsuccessful on account of the impossibility of obtaining an interview with them.

The dread of indictments by these gentry made it extremely difficult to find them, and many of them have, in fact, fled from the City. Repeated visits were made to the house and places of business of GENET, SHANDLEY and others of that ilk. All of them were denied by the servants, and inquiries at the clubs they usually frequent only elicited evasive answers.

RICHARD TWEED was the only man who could throw any light upon the Metropolitan safe souvenirs presented by the City, but he was invisible, and EDWIN ANDREWS, who also got a safe, was not to be found. Mr. G. F. FOWLER, Jr., of No. 10 Nassau-street, to whom one of the costly presents was delivered by MCBURNE DAVIDSON, is in the Engineer Department of the Adirondack Company, as his sign indicates. His office was found closed on two visits, and it could not be ascertained whether or no he had, like Surrogate HUTCHINGS, JUDSON JARVIS and Sheriff BRENNAN, made a bona fide purchase, or like Mr. NATHANIEL JARVIS, never owned a safe. Judge FREDERICK E. LOEW received his safe from Judge KOCH, who is ready to show a receipt for the safe furnished to him. Judge LOEW is indignant at the discovery that his safe is charged in the City accounts. F. FOSTER, No. 102 West Twenty-second-street, came out to be a Mrs. FOSTER, the keeper of a house of disorder, kept by Mrs. Fuller, as a lodging. The TIMES reporter being afraid of What Mrs. Grundy might say, did not enter the house, but secured himself positively as to its character. Whether the recipient of the safe has paid for it or received it as a gift from the company, is still a matter of doubt. No. 34 Cedar-street was visited, when the reporter ascertained that T. W. STRANG & Co. no longer do business there. One of the members of the firm who do occupy the premises stated that Mr. STRANG was the Colonel of the Sixth Regiment National Guard, and that he had some reason to speak of the subscription of his name in connection with the sales the day before, when he said that the safe was now in the armory of the Sixth Regiment, and that he had paid for it himself. It was criminally delivered at the store, and when the firm was changed, about a year ago, it was removed to where it is at present. EDWARD MARSHBURN, whose large bills are conspicuous in the accounts of the Bureau of Repairs and Supplies, and in other City and County accounts, decided to another reporter that he had ever received a safe as a gift from the City. His clerk exhibited a receipt for $425, the price of the safe that had been furnished to him.

Mrs. Jarley's Wax-Works.

An exhibition of Mrs. Jarley's Wax-works will be given at Harlem Music Hall, corner of Third-avenue and One Hundred and Thirty-sixth-street, Harlem, on Monday and Tuesday evening, under the auspices of the ladies of St. Andrew's Church, for the benefit of the organ fund.

SUMMARY OF AMUSEMENTS.

Concert.

EARLY VISITS'S IMPROMPTU.

The third concert of the second series of Impromptu by the Philharmonic Society was given at the Academy of Music last evening. The audience was by no means numerous, but its reduced size can fairly be ascribed to the weather, rather than to any lessening of the public interest. The programme performed was drawn as follows:

Symphony—No. 4, in D minor.....Schumann
1. Andante. allegro. 2. Romanza. 3. Scherzo. 4. Allegro con spirito.
Aria—From the Oratorio "The Creation," with Verdure Clad.....Haydn
Mlle. HENRIETTE CORRADI.
Concerto—For Violin, in G minor, with orchestral accompaniment.....Max Bruch
Señor F. SARASATE.
Overture—"Macbeth," in C major, Op. 18.....Hatzfeldtler
Aria—"Il Poliuto".....Donizetti
Mlle. HENRIETTE CORRADI.
Overture—"Leonore," No. 3, in C major.....Beethoven.

The feature of the entertainment was without doubt the violin concerto, more interesting by its own merit and impressive beyond description by the magnificent playing of Señor SARASATE. The concerto is written with a sufficient appreciation of the resources of the instrument to rank with the best classical compositions because familiar by repeated performances, and passages of the audience are of a melodious beauty, easily discovered and admired. The three movements of the piece, the introduction, the andante and the stinger, were superbly delivered. Señor SARASATE was favored with a most cordial reception, but the effect of his work was shown by a demonstration of delight which the audiences of the Philharmonic do not often unite in. Nothing, indeed, could have been better than the violinist's recital. Señor SARASATE's right and left hands are equal skill. His command of the keyboard is thorough, and his management of the bow is subject to a sensibility and an eloquence that are not part of merely technical acquirements. Señor SARASATE was recalled after his share of the night's labors was ended. If the other soloist did not afford the full satisfaction resulting from the violinist's efforts, her debut was nevertheless successful. Mlle. CORRADI's voice is deficient in richness, and the lower notes have suffered by the extreme training of the upper register. But the lady manages it with a great deal of art. Her intonation is correct, her runs are clear, and her shake is exceedingly good. Her singing, in brief, is deficient in sympathetic quality rather than in proofs of intelligent culture. We do not think her selections were fortunate. The words of oratorio music are not grateful when spoken with a foreign accent, and the coloratura allegro of the air from "Il Poliuto" sounded strangely amid the compositions on the bill. The instrumental numbers chosen were carefully rendered, though portions of the symphony, and especially the closing allegro, were handled with less delicacy than the string performers of the Philharmonic usually display.

SEASON OF ENGLISH OPERA.

The reader need hardly be reminded that the season of English opera at the Academy of Music will be commenced to-morrow evening. "Un Ballo in Maschera" will be first sung. To-morrow week, we believe, Mr. SANTLEY will be heard in "Zampa." The promise of the financial success of Mme. PARepa-ROSA's enterprise is cheering; the sale of seats is already large.

Home Gossip.

Mr. STRAKOSCH's artists have produced "Mignon" with great success in Cincinnati.... Yesterday week, Mrs. MACREADY acted *Shylock*, with great success, at the Indianapolis Academy of Music.... Mme. JARAUSCHEK was last week at Ford's Opera-house, in Baltimore.... Mr. and Mrs. FLORENCE were at the Holliday-street Theatre.... Miss MAGGIE MITCHELL was last week at the National Theatre, in Washington.... The Wyndham Comedy Company was last week in Milwaukee.... Friday and Saturday, Mr. J. E. OWENS acted in Wilkesbarre.... Wednesday, Mr. OLD BULL played at Wilkesbarre.... The Parepa-Rosa opera troupe sang last week in Providence and in Hartford.... Mrs. OATES and her company were last week in Savannah.... Two Thomas concerts occur in Savannah on Tuesday and Wednesday.... Mlle. AIMEE and her opera bouffe company perform at the St. James Theatre, in Boston, this week. .... Mr. FORREST acted last week in Pittsburg. .... Herr WACHTEL sings to-morrow evening in Cincinnati.... Mr. and Mrs. SANDMANN were at Wood's Theatre.... Miss CHARLOTTE CUSHMAN's road last week in Chicago.... The Elizabeth *Daily Journal*, of Monday last, prints the story appended: "On Saturday night, as the few who attended the Opera-house are aware, the literacrat Zoo Troupe played 'Les French Spy.' Among the actors is a gentleman who went on the boards under the assumed name of J.W. Forrester, but whose real name was J. A. C. POLLOCK. While this POLLOCK was charming the sunmence another drama in which Mr. POLLOCK was principal actor was being played outside. The circumstances are as follows: A short time ago Mr. POLLOCK with the Zoo company played at Pittsburg. While there the actor and his acting captivated the heart of a Miss READ, daughter of Mr. ALEXANDER READ, of this city. The result was that Miss READ left her paternal home, and took up with POLLOCK, who married her under the assumed name of Forrester. As soon as the father of the girl found out the state of affairs he set out to find his erring daughter and bring her back to his home. For some time he followed the troupe, but did not overtake them till they arrived in this city on Saturday last. Of course a row immediately ensued. The old gentleman was determined to take his daughter home, and the daughter was willing to be taken home, but POLLOCK insisted that his wife should go with him. Matters went on for an hour or two, when from words it came to blows, the infuriated father dealing POLLOCK such a blow in the face as sent him reeling. Justice FAIRBANK was then resorted to, and a warrant issued for READ's arrest. This was effected at about 6 o'clock by Serge. MILLER, and, as the other parties were interested, they were also taken in charge. Being in the hands of the officers of the law somewhat cooled the excitement of all there, and they were constrained to talk the matter over calmly. The result was that the father triumphed, and returned to Pittsburg that same night with his daughter. The girl thus taken from her home is only seventeen years old."... The San Francisco *Daily Evening Post* contains the following account of affairs at the local Chinese theatre: "For the last week or two there has been considerable excitement and curiosity among our theatre-going Celestial population on account of a grand feast which the managers of the Gu Hing Toy Theatre on Jackson-street were preparing for the inauguration of the holiday season which precedes the Chinese New-Year. As is well known, Chinese custom, which is as inflexible as the laws of the Medes and Persians, prohibits the appearance of women on the stage. Nevertheless, this Chinese custom has some exceptions. The High Board of Rites and Ceremonies, or the grand Censorship of Celestial Manners, whatever it is called, which, from the Imperial City of Peking, gives law in such matters to the Chinese world, has authority to grant permission for the appearance of females upon the stage during certain seasons of the year when the joyousness of the grand holidays is supposed to relax somewhat ordinary rules. This permission is very seldom asked, but when once given it is never recalled. The managers of the Gu Hing Toy Theatre, wishing to give their patrons a grand sensation for the holidays, have succeeded in getting from the High Old Mandarins of the many titles at Pekin a permit upon the veritable yellow paper giving them permission to introduce women upon their stage, and for two or three weeks past the Chinese play-bills, which to untutored Gentiles eyes look like signatures washes recopying or the chest latch, have announced the fact to the most exciting language. The opera last Wednesday evening, real Chinese women would appear in their first appearance upon the American stage. On Wednesday evening, therefore, the Jackson-street Theatre was crowded from pit to gallery, the special Chinese reporter of the Evening Post being snugly ensconced in a seat on boxes. The prices of admission at this Chinese theatre are somewhat less than at the California or Metropolitan, the charge to a foreign devil being ten fifty cents, while Celestials pay but twenty-five cents for the privilege of witnessing the whole performance, from 7 in the evening to 2 in the morning. At 9 o'clock the charge is reduced to twenty cents, and after 10 o'clock any Chinese man or woman may enter and sit out the remaining five hours for the insignificant sum of fifteen cents. Notwithstanding these low prices, the Chinese Theatre maintains a company of eighty regular performers. The grand Chinese drama opened on Wednesday night, is entitled 'The Disobedient Son of the Fifth Mandarin of the Strong Wanderer,' the latter, it is now mentioned, being a character in the play. The curtain rose at 7 o'clock, and the audience, which was composed of about 1,000 Celestials, sat quietly until about 10 o'clock, when the curtain fell on the American stars. One of the actresses was a young girl, quite an average beauty among the Chinese (who never are asked by her noting. In her singing, however, she was not quite as perfect as the older actors. The dresses, which were in keeping with the dignity of those worn in China at the present day, were simply magnificent, and the scenery, which was brought from Sin in Canton, in the good ship Sunshine, in which the women-actresses are supposed to have come, was the most elaborate and magnificent of any we have ever witnessed were performed. Although we have been the Pacific and all affairs of secrecy, yet we were unable to learn any definite facts and the opening and closing of the performance. They cannot be described, but must be seen."

Foreign Notes.

The tenor, COLIN, of the Paris Grand Opera, is dead. He was only thirty-one.... The Pall Mall Gazette remarks that it is difficult to form any definite notion as to the worth of Signor VERDI's latest opera from the sketches published in the French newspapers. A concerted with, M. Bottesini, of the Journal des Débats, has been invited to be present, but after a long and bad passage he arrived at Cairo only just in time to hear the first performance, which, for a recognized critic, is not enough to base an opinion upon. He at once, however, made up his mind about the scenery, which is more magnificent, it appears, than any that has ever been seen—at least in recent times—at the Paris Opera. As to the music of "Aïda," all we are told amounts to very little, and that little not to its advantage. Thus it is said to be more in the style of "Don Carlos" than of the "Trovatore." An anonymous scribbler, without any pretensions to the character of a regular critic, writes with more freedom about the new work, and declares it to be heavy. The composer, he says, has taken infinite pains to give an Egyptian character to the music of his Egyptian subject; and we can fancy the dismal modes into which such a hopeless endeavor would lead him. An Egyptianized Italian opera is about as inconceivable a thing as an Italianized Egyptian temple; but, inconceivable or not, it exists; and having been presented to the public of Cairo, it, it seems, is to be introduced to that of Milan.... The *Orchestra* announces the death of Mr. WALTER SAMUEL EMDEN, the actor who, many years ago, served Mme. VESTRIS as acting manager at Covent Garden, and was for some years partner with Mr. ROMSON at the Olympic. He afterward became acting manager of the St. James. When Miss ALBEMUS was lessee of the Globe Theatre, Mr. EMDEN was chosen acting manager, but he soon resigned the appointment, and this was the last office he filled.... The Theatre Apollo, at Rome, opened on the 26th ult. with HALEVY's "Juive," which, being badly executed, proved a half failure. It appears that certain people are scandalized that the Cardinal should be represented as having a daughter and as humiliating himself before a Jew.... At Brussels the Academy of the Fine Arts has named as musical members M. GEVAERT, chapel-master to the King and Director of the Conservatoire; M. BOSSELET, already correspondent; and M. LIMNANDER, composer, in place of the late MM. PAVER, FÉTIS, SCHUMAN and SCHUNCK. Also M. GOUNOD, of Paris, and M. BASEVI of Florence, as foreign associates, to succeed MM. AUBER and MERCADANTE.... The *Pall Mall Gazette* says: "News of the Wagnerian Theatre of the Future continues to arrive. The municipality of Baden has made a report to the effect that the place that delightful watering-place possessed many advantages as a centre of attraction for musical amateurs over Bayreuth. But Bavaria, if not precisely the native land of the Wagnerian drama, is at least the country in which it grew up and gain of strength; and Bayarian Bayreuth is its chosen home. The contract, therefore, with the city of selecting a site for the great musical and dramatic edifice has already accomplished its task, and the hill of Stuckberg, near the Brandenburg Gate, is the spot fixed upon. Some difficulty, it appears, had arisen as to the means of accommodating the visitors to the theatre, who, it will, it is expected, during the theatrical season, swell the population to an almost inconvenient extent. Lodging-houses, however, are being erected for them in the Brandenburg quarter, where from two to three thousand rooms or suites of apartments will be made ready for the opening of the theatre. Wagner is not expected to take place before the year after next".... The plot of the new play at the Paris Odéon is thus described: "'Mlle. Aïssé' is a drama in four acts, by the lamented poet, LOUIS BOUILHET. It is woven out of the well-known legend of the young Circassian maid who lived in the time of the Regency, under the protectorate and of the daughters of the Regent. *Aïssé* is said to have been stolen by the Turks from the burning palace of her father, and taken to the slave market at Constantinople, where she was bought by M. DE FERRIOL, Ambassador of LOUIS XIV., and sent to him to be his mistress. Finally, in spite of the intention of becoming her lover when the lovely child grew up to womanhood. It is just at this time that the poet commences his story, and presents to us *Aïssé*, left by her protector with a small fortune, and a victim to his family, who dislike her, and determined upon her ruin by presenting her to the Regent by the agency of a young chevalier, destined for the Order of Malta, but she is induced by the family to believe herself unworthy of him, and to attend a fête at Court in her national costume. She flies from the palace when the intentions of her pretended friends become apparent to her, but is discovered and is followed by the chevalier, who, in his turn, is pursued by the Regent, when the Commander of the Order of Malta appears and casts his cloak around him. The effect of the white cross appears to be magical, as the young lover immediately retreats without once looking back upon his lady-love, who falls dead upon the stage. This denouement is not only contrary to historical truth, but is grotesque in its abruptness and unsatisfactory in its conclusion. No murmuring or opposition on the part of the public was however, heard, from respect to the memory of M. BOUILHET."

"KING CARROT."

The critic of Galignani's Messenger supplies the following article in relation to MM. SAINTHON and OFFENBACH's new work: "The long announced *Roi Carotte*, made its first appearance here on Monday night, and was enthusiastically received. Less could scarcely be expected from the great reputation of the authors—SAINTHON for the libretto, and OFFENBACH for the music; but, to be just, we must also assign the highest praise to the scene-painters, machinists, dress-makers and property-furnishers, as a great part of the success devolves on those most useful, but unknown assistants. As to the text, no great effort has evidently been made to render it sparkling and effective, and in some places the pruning-knife may be used with advantage; but the music is charming, and the scenery magnificent, the whole is surprisingly beautiful. The plot turns on the expulsion of *Prince Fridolin* (MAGNY) from his States by a hideously-deformed monster, *King Carotte* (VICHI,) and the subsequent adventures of the fugitive while endeavoring to recover his kingdom. The fairy portion of the piece—the wonderful transformations, glittering palaces and halls of dazzling light, have their origin in the antagonism of a malevolent fairy, *Coloquinte*, (Mlle. MARIANI,) hostile to *Fridolin*, and a well-intentioned magician *Quirbibik*, (AURELIE,) who protects him. The first scene represents a market-place in a German town, where the Prince, who is expecting his fiancée, the *Princess Cunegonde* (Mlle. JUDIC) from Paris, appears in disguise to form a judement for himself of the lady before her official reception. But she, having a similar design, enters in a riding-habit, displays a variety of accomplishments, such as smoking, drinking beer, talking slang, singing rather loose stanzas, and, in fact, enchants the Prince. They make themselves known to each other, and he, in the joy of his heart, invites the crowd to come up to the palace and take part in a gigantic punch. The whole party shortly after meet in the ancient hall of the building, where a number of coats of mail are arranged, and there make such a disturbance that the supposed occupants of the armor in the olden day are quite scandalized, and express their displeasure in a strongly marked chorus. The guests retire in affright, and the Prince and his consort are left by themselves to sleep off the effects of liquor which he had imbibed, famous. Into the kitchen garden of *King Carotte*. He next-door neighbor. The fairy here animates all the vegetables, and with many pains, the Prince and Princess are at last reunited, but when once given it is never recalled. The managers of the Gu Hing Toy Theatre, wishing to give their patrons a grand sensation for the holidays, have succeeded in getting from the High Old Mandarins of the many titles at Pekin a permit upon the veritable yellow paper giving their permission to introduce women upon their stage, and for two or three weeks past the Chinese play-bills, which to untutored Gentiles eyes look like signatures washes recopying or the chest latch, have announced the fact in the most exciting language. The opera last Wednesday evening, real Chinese women would appear in their first appearance upon the American stage. On Wednesday evening, therefore, the Jackson-street Theatre was crowded from pit to gallery, the special Chinese reporter of the Evening Post being snugly ensconced in a seat on boxes. The prices of admission at this Chinese theatre are somewhat less than at the California or Metropolitan, the charge to a foreign devil being ten fifty cents, while Celestials pay but twenty-five cents for the privilege of witnessing the whole performance, from 7 in the evening to 2 in the morning. At 9 o'clock the charge is reduced to twenty cents, and after 10 o'clock any Chinese man or woman may enter and sit out the remaining five hours for the insignificant sum of fifteen cents. Notwithstanding these low prices, the Chinese Theatre maintains a company of eighty regular

FINE ARTS.

Second Notice of the Water-Color Exhibition at the Academy of Design—The Schaus Gallery—Picture Sales.

We have already referred to some of the principal pictures of the present Water-color Exhibition on view in the north room, and in this notice we shall call attention to those in the east room and corridor, as well as a few omitted in our notice of the north room. First among these are PAUL MARNEY's two small pictures, (Nos. 261 and 303,) which exemplify in a striking manner how much a true artist can put on a few square inches of paper. Mr. J. G. BROWN is represented by "The Swing," (No. 230,) which is much better than some of Mr. BROWN's oil-paintings that we could mention. CHAS. C. WARD has a clever little picture entitled "Odd or Even?" and Mr. G. A. GILBERT "The Lake of Lucerne," (No. 300,) which we take to be the strongest and best picture by which this artist is represented. Mr. A. H. WYANT, who is so strong in oils appears rather weak in water colors. He has one or two pleasing effects, however, "Gathering Shells" being the best. HANMAN's "Mother and Child," (No. 265,) is good, though sketchy. Miss FISHER sends "A Robin's Breakfast," (No. 272,) which is carefully painted, and Miss GILBERT "Autumn's Last Gift," (No. 287,) to which the same remark applies. Mr. SCOTT has an execrable "Lady Macbeth," and Mr. JOHN S. DAVIS, a sketchy though striking "Bear Hunt." Mrs. KEENEY's "Leah Katrine" is good in color, and Mr. J. M. FALCONER's "Twilight" effective.

Passing to the east room, we come to a view of "Windsor," by Mr. BELLOWS, which is rather weak for him, but he makes amends for this by his study of "Byrsh Church, Kent," (No. 372.) This is one of Mr. BELLOWS' most charming works, and is evidently, as he terms it, a study. The light falling through the trees on the church walls is most effectively given. Mr. SAMUEL COLMAN's "Tappan Zee" is better than some of his larger works. A small painting by CALAME, (No. 329,) entitled "Switzerland," though beautifully executed, is certainly untruthful in color, and the aerial perspective is at fault. There is little in it that reminds us of Swiss scenery. It is rather Italian. T. ROWBOTHAM, who stands in the front rank of the English water-color school, is represented by a small sketch of Welsh scenery, as we take it, (No. 346.) It is cold and artificial—a studio picture, which does not bear analysis. No. 359, "The Improvisatore," by DEL ACQUA represents a story-teller, in this instance a man of rank and refinement apparently, weaving his tissue of romance in the presence of a large party of ladies and ecclesiastics. The expression and attitude of the principal figure are finely given, and the "accessories most carefully painted. It is certainly the finest figure piece in the collection.

JOHN ARGOLON, another English artist of deserved reputation, sends "A Stroll Through the Corn Fields," (No. 369.) Though slightly painted, it is very charming and attracts much attention. Mr. KNIGHT sends two views in East England, both of which are deserving of notice. VARLEY, a contemporary of TURNER's, and the father of the English school of water-colorists, is represented by two small pictures. Mr. EDWARD MORAN, of Philadelphia, has a fine freely painted marine piece. Old DAVID COX, of London, whose slap-dash method excited *for* some time the ridicule of his brother artists and the critics, has a small river view and a landscape, (Nos. 317 and 382,) which will be found in the corridor. They forcibly exemplify his broad, free method, in which effects are everything and finish nothing. Some pictures by J. HOCH, EMMERMAN VAN ELTEN, Mrs. CAROLINE CARSON and others, also merit attention.

We miss from the catalogue the names of Cranch, Cropsey, Darley, T. W. Wood, Fredericks, Le Farge, Lumley, William Harrah and Van Ingen, who have heretofore been notable contributors, and, judging from the works of those artists represented, we are forced to the conclusion that, although this is by very far the most interesting water-color exhibition ever opened in this City, yet, so far as our own artists are concerned, it is not equal to that of last year.

THE SCHAUS GALLERY.

Our picture galleries have never, within our recollection, presented so many attractions as at present. At SCHAUS' we find a splendid landscape by CALAME, one of his strongest and most truthful works, a large cattle piece by VERBOECKHOVEN, and one by ROSA BONHEUR, which has all the characteristics of this artist's style. DIAZ is represented by a storm scene, in which, though the sky is certainly a little paintey, a striking effect is introduced. ERNSTE NICOT has two pictures, "Collecting his Thoughts" and "Yours to Command." The first represents a hard-fisted son of the Green Isle, setting down to indite a letter, and in the second we have the same individual, with his task nearly accomplished, his lips and tongue being fearfully twisted in his calligraphic efforts. Both are strong pictures, broadly and freely painted. DIEZ, a well-known artist, has a hunting scene, with some subtle gradations of color and light and shade; and MOUTIER, a Dusseldorf artist, two strong and truthful landscapes. ROWBOTHAM, who occupies a high position among the English water-color artists, is represented by a large view of Italian scenery, brilliant in color, highly effective, and most carefully finished. Those who wish to see to what perfection the art of water-color painting may be brought, as compared with oil, should examine this work of ROWBOTHAM's, and also Mr. SCHAUS' portfolio of drawings by HARDY, FENLEY and others. Among the novelties in the gallery we notice some fine specimens of pietro-ciselvos, which are attracting much attention. Altogether we may say that this gallery at the present time will richly repay those who visit it.

PICTURE SALE.

We have, heretofore, referred briefly to the sale of the Wellington and Williams and Everett Galleries, which will take place at Clinton Hall on Wednesday and Thursday evenings next. A number of out-of-town picture-buyers will attend, and we mentioned that there will be a lively competition for the Gallait, Gerome, Meissonier, Chaplin and Carl Becker. For the Gallait a large price has been offered at private sale and refused. The Messrs. LEAVITT have adopted the plan of issuing tickets for seats at the sale, and we think that those who really desire to attend will an idea of obtaining purchasers can be accommodated by applying at the office previous to the day of sale.

Another Whisky Raid in the Fifth Ward.

Yesterday morning the revenue officers and the Police made a raid in the Fifth Ward, and seized property valued at $60. Several stills were found on the premises, some of them having been recently used. In one case a cistern was found carefully concealed under a sleigh, in which were about sixty barrels of rum. Geo. JONEDAN expresses the belief that the illicit traffic has received its death-blow, and that with the continued support of the Police, the business will soon be crushed.

A Special Plea for the Small-Pox Hospital.

To the Editor of the New-York Times:

It would be a public calamity to frighten away poor paupers from going to Blackwell's Island, unless a good cause were mentioned close by them. Now, I have just had small-pox, and was treated on Blackwell's Island. Perhaps my experience will be of public interest. I suppose the small-pox was communicated to me on the 16th ultimo, but on Dec. 30 I visited a friend who had had this complaint for two weeks in a large crowded tenement-house in the most populous portion of the City. Upon entering the patient's room, I was actually sickened by the stench of small-pox, which had been broiling up for two weeks. Almost unable to breathe, I opened a window at once; but to escape having the malady from such an atmosphere, would have required a miracle. I have had patients with small-pox come to me for examination who had been walking around among their friends, sitting in the cars, &c., for a fortnight; and, indeed, were convalescing before they thought of a hospital. Add to the number incident to the character of their malady, a host of people who conceal every possible expedient for escaping a trip to Blackwell's Island, and think when this threatened epidemic of small-pox will be controlled. During the six days I was in the hospital, not being confined to my room, for any attack was quite light, I was enabled to examine carefully into the whole management of the institution and observe the treatment and care of its inmates. I feel it my duty as a citizen and a medical man to assure those unfortunate enough to be taken with small-pox, as well as their numerous anxious friends, that patients are as well cared for in the small-pox hospitals in any institution of the same kind in the country. My personal experience with hospitals as house physician, and as visitor in many institutions here and abroad, enables me to judge as to the practical wants of patients, and with the exception of the overcrowding, the small-pox hospital is undoubtedly well conducted.

The hospital is overcrowded; this is not to be denied. Although it is not true that more than one patient occupies a bed, still too many are compelled to sleep in the same apartment. But this want has been recognized, and a fine large wooden pavilion is in the course of construction, which will accommodate sixty patients and meet every demand for sufficient hospital room. Wood is well-known to be the best material for lazarets, and indeed all hospitals. And this commodious, decent structure, which will be ready for the reception of patients in two weeks, will be devoted to the female patients who do not pay board, while the stone building, or hospital proper, will be reserved for boarders, paying from $5 to $10 weekly. This arrangement will afford those who can pay a moderate price all the comforts of home—a neat single room, excellent diet, and special attendance.

It is but reasonable to presume that a person who cannot pay $5 weekly for two or three weeks, is one who is accustomed to poor diet and accommodations at his own residence in the City. Now, these persons are better fed at the Small-pox Hospital than any other institution under the care of the Commissioners of Public Charities and Corrections, and in all probability, as well as at their own homes.

The physicians of the Small-pox Hospital, besides being zealous and attentive, are thoroughly competent, from profession and experience, to render the best medical aid. These two medical gentleman visit the wards always twice, daily; and generally from three to five times. To spend hours attending patients sick with small-pox requires a good heart and a strong stomach, and deserves, at least, respect from the public, who should reflect that persons could be found that take a warm interest in such a repulsive malady as this plague—small-pox.

As for the nurses, let me say, they are as good as can be obtained for twice their present wages; and they are not inferior in any respect to the general class of attendants in all hospitals.

It may console the timid to know that but one person in twenty exposed to small-pox will contract it. Neither of the physicians at the Small-pox Hospital has had the disease in any shape, although both have been exposed to it in its worst forms for nearly two years. An orderly who has attended small-pox for five years has never been affected in the least.

It is deplored by some that the Board of Health has not entire charge of the Small-pox Hospital. I would like to remind the public that it is not fair or judicious to expect too much from any one Department, and a recent visit to poor sick emigrants in the lower part of Mulberry-street, together with a more recent one to several in Baxter-street, convinced me that the Board of Health had a grand, noble work before them, for unless the unprecedented filth of the City is removed, next Summer there will come, in all human probability, a grim visitor from Asia—the prince of deadly maladies—and the name of small-pox will be forgotten in the august presence of Asiatic cholera.

JAMES C. HALLOCK, Jr., M. D.,
Resident Physician.
CASTLE GARDEN, NEW-YORK, }
Saturday, Jan. 27, 1872. }

The Hartlett Street-Lamps.

To the Editor of the New-York Times:

In your issue of today there appears in your article upon the "Disbursements of the Bureau of Lamps and Gas," statements made in relation to the new street-lamp, of which I am the patentee and manufacturer, which tend to do me and my business great injury. In the first place, I wish it to be distinctly understood that this new lamp has not or never had any connection with any lamp whatsoever. It has been adopted simply from its good merit, after complete and careful trial. Your informant says: "The patent lamps adopted by the Department of Parks, which are to be seen in the up-town boulevards and in the City Parks, cost $25 each." Now this is too ridiculous a statement to expect any one to believe. You can easily verify by a visit to the Department, that this new lamp does not cost the City one-quarter of that sum, and that the iron-frames do not cost the City as much by twenty-five per cent. as your (willing) informant charges the City for those he supplies. As for cost for repairs, or damages of such by breakage, I can only say, that after a year's trial, where these new lamps have been supplied in place of the old styles, and in the most exposed districts of the City, the aggregate expense is found to be much less for repairs than for the old style lamps. The much greater thickness of the glass, which is peculiar to my lamp, is unlike, except coming with great force in contact, to glance off from it; and last, but not least, the greater beauty of the lamp and its appearance of great coolness causes the lamp to be very much more respected in every way than the old lamps. The rain falling upon the glass when the lamp is lighted has never had the slightest injurious effect upon it. The lamp has withstood all tests beyond my most sanguine expectations. J. W. HARTLETT.
No. 559 BROADWAY, New-York, Friday, Feb. 2, 1872.

In order to test the statements denied in the above letter, inquiries were made at the Department of Parks, and it was learned that not only did Mr. DOYLE speak truthfully when he said that the lamps cost the City $25 each, but that they cost even a much greater sum than was stated in the TIMES, as will be seen by the following figures, obtained at the Department of Parks, which has exclusive control over the erection of lamps of the style referred to:

Cost of post	$25 00
Cost of lamps, first quality	7 50
Cost of lamps, second quality	6 00
Cost of iron frame in which the lamp is inserted	1 00
Cost of nuts and bolts	25

This does not include the burner, which has to be paid for in addition to the above. So we find that instead of costing the City twenty-five dollars, as Mr. DOYLE said, they cost, three dollars actually cost when the cheapest quality used, $32 75 each, and when a trifle more ornamental kind are set up they cost, without the gas burner, seventy-five cents additional, or the extravagant sum of $33 50. The claim of the Department is based on the durability of the lamps, so we be equally as erroneous in the case in regard to their cost. From the Parks Department it was learned that the lamps are frequently cracked or broken, and being of a single piece cannot be mended, but at once become useless and must be replaced by others. Being otherwise where the lamp is used, they are immediately filled, and unless the lighter is remarkably expeditious in applying the taper, the glass is cracked by the explosion, which is certain to follow. It is an undeniable fact that many have been broken in this manner, and it is uncontroverted that others have been broken in the manner stated in the TIMES, by the metal glass coming in contact with the rain, although a record of such breakages is not kept in the Department.

Situation of Fires in January—Report to the Police Commissioners.

Fire-Marshal McSPEDON yesterday made a report of fires occurring during January, showing that there were 191 fires during the month, involving a loss of $48,800 on buildings, and $261,800 on stock. The amount of insurance on buildings was $82,200, and on stock $82,200; uninsured loss, $18,500. The principal causes of the fires were as follows: Carelessness of occupants employees, in using lights, fire, &c., 37; defective flues and heating arrangements, 13; kerosene and liquid gas, 18; overheated stoves, 8; gas-light setting fire to goods and curtains, 5.

Chief Engineer FARLEY yesterday submitted his report to the Fire Commissioners for the

ILLUSIONS.

Spiritualism, Witchcraft, Mesmerism and Clairvoyance.

In a late issue we had occasion to notice the very spirited controversy now going on in some of the English columns between JOHNSON on the subject of some late developments of spiritualism, as all others are familiar with the name "Psychic" has been given by the celebrated, Mr. CROOKES, who has lately ventured to become its investigator. In fact of the various and discordant opinions which are being expressed on this subject by some of the most scientific men of the age, it is interesting, as one an entirely new method of discussion adopted by one crown countryman, who belongs to the class a rare combination of adventurer and diplomat.

Mr. COLEMAN SELLERS, who is well known to the profession as one of our first mechanical engineers, and among his intimate friends as a practical in the mysteries of legerdemain, recently delivered a lecture on "Illusions" at the Philadelphia High School, in aid of a world-renowned charity, the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. The ground taken by the gentleman, whose ability, both as an engineer and as an expert in the deceptive art, gives such an expression of opinion special weight, was briefly as follows: There may be such a thing as the manifestation in physical effects of superhuman, or "spiritual," or psychic force, but in an experience of twenty years, and with every effort to follow up and personally investigate reported manifestations of such a character, I have never encountered any thing which I could not reproduce by a judicious application of legerdemain. The case with which the most expert observers can be deceived, if not skilled in this special subject, is by no means generally appreciated, and it is my opinion that no one without such knowledge is at all competent as an investigator of the phenomena in question. The ablest scientific man will be as easily deceived as another, and his ability misapplied in efforts to connect and explain the pseudo-phenomena which he thinks he has observed.

In proof of these assertions Mr. SELLERS proceeded to exhibit all the prominent feats of modern spiritualism, such as the loosing of cords by which the performer is bound hand and foot, as practiced by the DAVENPORT BROTHERS; the table rappings, and spiritual writing in answer to mental questions, as exhibited by the regular "mediums," and the extraction of music from an accordion held upside down in the hand, and the loss of weight in a bar of wood, as exhibited in England by Mr. HOME, and investigated and described by Dr. CROOKES.

Besides these he showed a number of feats which out-Heroded Herod in the way of excelling each of those in kind. Thus his hands being firmly tied together by a spectator, and a solid iron ring placed on his leg, an instant's covering with a handkerchief sufficed for the transfer of the ring to his wrist, though once there it was only with great effort that it could be removed over the hand. Again, a heavy iron rod was made to float and vibrate, as if by electric force, between his outspread hands, and a like power was conferred upon a "magnetized" spectator.

Time and space would fail us to describe in detail even a part of the wonderful things accomplished, and we can only hope that Mr. SELLERS will continue to apply his "practical method" to this subject, and may be persuaded to afford others opportunity of witnessing some of his results.

DUTCH HEINRICH'S CASE.

The Outlaw Preparing to Slip the Hatches of the Law—Some More Detective Stupidities.

Dutch HEINRICH has already begun an aggressive campaign for his liberty, and is employing the tactics which have so often been successful in extricating him from unpleasant dilemmas. He has demanded an examination, which, being a matter of right, Justice HOGAN was forced to grant, and it has been set down for Monday of next week. Dutch HEINRICH is so far like the older WELLER, that he is a firm believer in the efficacy of an alibi under all circumstances, and it is stated that he intends to offer evidence that he was somewhere else at the time, when three witnesses are certain they saw him in the office No. 41 Cedar-street. This little game has been played so often by the notorious marauder, and has so often served to rescue him from the hands of justice that he sees no reason why it should not again answer his purpose. But whether his alibi should in the end prove satisfactory or not, he is experienced enough to know very well that by demanding an examination and offering to prove the alibi he can postpone a trial by jury and exhaust the patience of his prosecutor, and thus in the end escape a term in Sing Sing. It is not known that he is acting under the direction of the detectives at Police Headquarters, but it is certain that since the date of the Cedar-street robbery he has been seen in and near the Mulberry-street building in company with three singular officers of justice, to be found in Room No. 11. A few days ago he was seen walking in Mooney-street with a well-known Police-Board detective, and during last week he was in a drinking saloon in the neighborhood of Head-quarters, with another detective. On this occasion Dutch was disguised to a slight extent by a pair of green goggles, and seemed to have the power to make himself invisible, for no one there who saw the singular contrivance were able to state its character. It is also remembered at this moment, when Dutch has fallen into temporary inconvenience, without the intervention of any detective, that some weeks ago he was taken into Police Head-quarters and warned to stop his operations, or he would be "collared," as the detectives elegantly designate an arrest. Dutch has been plying his vocation industriously ever since that day, but has never been "collared." The shrewd twinkle in his eye as he left the building on that occasion indicated that he fully appreciated the character of the threat.

A Negro Woman's Bequest to a Theological School.

From the New-Haven Journal, Feb. 3.

Mrs. MARY A. GOODMAN, a colored woman of this city, died recently, leaving her whole property, about $5,000, to the Scholarship Fund of the Theological School here, with the idea of aiding colored young men in their studies for the ministry. This woman has given the savings of a long life spent in such hard toil as washing and domestic service. A correspondent says of her: "Herself a member and regular attendant of the College-street Church, and thus accustomed to intelligent preaching, she felt that the time was coming, in the rapid progress of her race and people, when they would require a more highly-educated ministry, and it was after full deliberation and with real pleasure that she consecrated to this object, nearly a year since, the entire earnings of her life." As she had provided no place of burial for herself, she was duly interred in the lot in the old cemetery belonging to the University of which she has become a benefactor.

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MARRIED.

SAXTER—At Clover, on Thursday, Feb. 1, at the residence of the bride's parents, Rev. Jacob Hutchins, Jr., of Elizabeth, N. J., to ELLA, daughter of Elizabeth Saxter, all of Clover.

ELY—Quincy, Mass., Feb. 1, Mrs. Sarah Ely, aged 80 years.

DIED.

BAXTER—At Clover, on Thursday, Feb. 1, WILLIE FORDICK BAXTER, only son of Thomas and Annie Baxter, in the 19th year of his age.

BOWRING—At Passaic, on Feb. 2, SUSAN A. BOWRING, widow of John Bowring, in the 61st year.

Funeral at the house of her son-in-law, Charles Ward, Cranford, N. J., Friday, Feb. 4, at 2 o'clock. Trains leave Newark at 12 M. and 2 P. M. Carriages will be in waiting at Cranford.

COOPER—On Saturday morning, Feb. 3, of pneumonia, at the residence of his father,

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THE CUSTOM-HOUSE.

The Investigation Continued Yesterday—Testimony of Gen. Hatfield and Others—Want of Harmony Among the Senators.

The Committee of the Senate on Retrenchment met again yesterday, at the Fifth-avenue Hotel, Senator BUCKINGHAM in the chair.

Gen. BILLINS, who was examined the previous day, was recalled, and stated in reference to the evidence of MUDGETT, that while in Washington Gen. COCHRANE told him that MUDGETT and Gen. PORTER was receiving money from the General-Order business of New-York. On hearing this he mentioned it to Col. LEET, who informed Gen. PORTER of the matter.

To Senator Casserly—It was about 10½ o'clock at night when Col. LEET called my attention to this matter. My relations with Gen. GRANT are quite friendly, and they were very agreeable while I was a member of his staff. I spoke to Col. LEET on the General Order business a week ago in the White House. I had suggested to speak about the matter on going up there.

Q.—You expected, when going to Washington, to see Gen. GRANT, and to elicit the explanations on this subject which it would be for his interest to make? A.—There was nothing said about my testimony. I went to see Gen. GRANT after it was arranged I would be examined, and I thought an explanation of Col. LEET's connection with the General Order business would be desirable. I think Gen. GRANT expressed his disapproval of the Lost-Bixby business. I recollect the statement of the *Herald's* Washington correspondent as to the disappointment of Gen. GRANT's friends at my important evidence not being taken. I spoke about the matter to four or five gentlemen, one of whom was connected with the *Herald*. I had a conversation with Gen. PORTER, in which he said the President disapproved of Col. LEET having anything to do with the New-York Custom-house, preferring that he should have accepted the position of Superintendent of the Cameron Iron-works in Pennsylvania. I knew Col. LEET to be a good business man, and, before I left, Gen. GRANT became reconciled at his binding me the Custom-house business. The binding was done in the name of Mr. HOWE, a prominent politician. I don't think the President knew of Col. LEET's arrangements until after the Committee of February. Col. LEET was in the army at the time he entered the business, but being on leave of absence I considered it legitimate.

Senator Casserly—I am a civilian, and my perceptions of the transactions differ from those of you gentlemen of the sword.

Witness—But the law was passed by civilians under which the six months' leave is given.

Senator Casserly—Not by me; it came from another quarter.

Senator Stewart—The law was passed expressly to enable them to leave the army.

Senator Casserly—I deny that the law intended, while a man wears the honorable uniform of a United States officer and draws pay—a diminished pay, it is true—that he could engage in business and another department of the Government for the sake of liquor.

Witness—Oh, his resignation was accepted, as I consider, and irrevocable.

Senator Bayard—But he told us himself that he got it recalled to have himself mustered out a month sooner that he might have a year's pay.

Senator STEWART here summed up the testimony of the witness in a series of questions, which were promptly answered.

Senator Bayard—I move that the stenographer be transcribing his notes, distinguish between the questions of the Senator and the answers of the witness; that it be given as the understanding of the so-called counsel as to the testimony.

Senator Casserly—Senator STEWART's habit of coming in with leading questions involves the necessity of re-examining witnesses.

Senator Stewart (warmly)—I suppose it would be a great thing if anything could be done away from the Committee altogether, but I must say I refrained for hours from asking questions because I thought the time and been squandered by remaining here spending the people's money after the witness has been exhausted.

Chairman—Do you withdraw your motion, Mr. BAYARD?

Senator Bayard—No, Sir.

Senator Stewart—I move as an amendment that the testimony of Senators CASSERLY and BAYARD be distinguished from that of the witness.

Senator Bayard—My motion was practical, if this is intended to render it futile I withdraw it.

Senator Casserly—Have I said anything to you which involved the idea that the Chief Magistrate was under the necessity of a personal explanation to the public? A.—No.

Senator Casserly—I think the President makes his statements in all such matters by his acts and by his life. You told me you read the editorial statements which appeared in the *Herald* next day? A.—I mentioned the matter and did not know the party was connected with the *Herald*. He asked me if I had any objections to its publication and I replied not.

Chelsea Th. Moulit, assistant weigher to JAMES M. ENGERSON, testified in reply to the Chairman, that he was present when a certain cargo of cannel coal was weighed for EDDY & ROGERS, and to his knowledge no one appropriated Mr. ROGERS and added to have some of the coal sent to their house.

A. O. TUTTLE, Inspector of Customs, sworn, and in answer to the Chairman that he was on the vessel when the coal of EDDY & ROGERS was discharged; the larger invoice of coal was for Mr. BENEDICT and the smaller for EDDY & ROGERS; Mr. BENEDICT went there to see if the scales were kept correctly.

To Senator Bayard—I did not ask Mr. BENEDICT to send a load of coal to my house, and did not intimate that I would serve him if he did, or that it would injure him if he did not. I did not say to Mr. ROGERS, nor did not hear any one say anything of the kind. I did not say to any one present that Mr. BENEDICT was a fool and a good man, and that I would get square with him.

Mr. E. D. ROGERS was recalled, and said that Mr. CHASE was the person referred to in his evidence already given.

A communication was received from the Chairman of the Commission, that a committee of seven from that body was appointed to confer with the Senate Committee as to the best means to be adopted to rectify the alleged abuses in the Custom-house.

R. G. JAYNE, Special Agent of the Treasury, stated how, shortly after he reported for duty in 1869, he discovered that United States officers were in the habit of defrauding the revenue by returning and swearing to false bills of lading, and by swearing short weights in collusion with importers, and he had a number of these arrested, and the books and papers of thirty-two importers were seized. Some of the watchers were discharged, one turned State's evidence, and two were tried and the indictments are pending. Suits were instituted against thirty of the importers. Suits resulted in judgment for an aggregate sum of $352,797 88. There was paid into the Treasury, $217,822 76. Government retained one-half. Of the other half, $154,230 64 was paid to informers, and the equal sum to the Collector, Surveyor, and Naval Officer.

The examination of the witness was here suspended, and the Committee adjourned to Monday morning.

The Recent Tragedy—Conflicting Versions of a Coroner's Jury.

An inquest was held yesterday by Coroner HERRMAN, in the case of ALFRED BROWN, aged seven years, who died from injuries alleged to have been inflicted by some of his playmates while he was returning from school to his home at No. 445 Eleventh-street. Two boys who also attended the school, testified positively that they saw ADOLPH WERNER, aged about twelve years, kick deceased twice in the side in front of the school-house in West Thirty-fifth-street, so that he fell with his head against an ash-barrel. It was also shown that deceased complained to his mother when he got home that he had been kicked by Werner, and that one of the witnesses of the kicking had told the mother of the outrage when he returned home. On the other hand, Mr. WERNER claimed that he was in the school-house yard at the time of the outrage, and produced several witnesses, who needed to that effect. It was shown by the testimony of Dr. JOHN RIKER that death had been caused by compression and concussion of the brain, the result of violence, and upon this evidence six of the jury rendered a verdict that the injuries had been received in some manner unknown, but Mr. S. W. BALDWIN, the seventh juror, brought in another verdict that the injuries had been received at the hands of ADOLPH WERNER. Coroner HERRMAN acted upon the latter verdict, and committed him to the custody of Capt. CAFFERY, of the Twentieth Precinct, to await further investigation.

The Kind of Retrenchment Needed in the Warehouse Department.

Col. H. DIX ALDEN, Chief Clerk of the Warehouse Department of the Custom-house, has made a reply to Deputy Collector JAMES, of the Time Division, from which it appears that while the work has steadily increased, the number of clerks employed to perform it is less than formerly. The head assistant for the year ending Dec. 31, 1871, raised the number in 1870 by 2,200, and those in 1869 by 4,207. Last year there were 2,700 warehouse entries, and 26,702 withdrawal entries. Only four clerks are employed to attend to this voluminous business, and they are constantly at work two hours earlier and later than office hours, to enable them to keep the books. This is the same force that was employed five years ago, when the work was much less.

Besides this increase in the warehouse entries, there has been an increase of 300 revenue, 2,000 home entries and of 3,000 invoices, and the clerks in the Appraising Department—the same numerical force as that employed five years ago—have their hands full, too.

In the work the Department performs, there was the issue of 17,000 permits for the removal of goods, the volume of labor to be performed, unless the clerks work out of business hours. In fact the work of the office is three-fifths more than it was in 1867, and the number of clerks are less. Col. DIX concludes by remarking that either the Secretary of the Treasury be requested, or the force increased where an increase would not be enough compliance the requirement.

THE WEST SIDE.

Work on Streets and Improvements Progressing—Work and Improvements Contemplated on the West Side of the City—The Effect and Which Follows.

The work of improving the streets and of the sewers on the west side of the City, which have been retarded by reason of the heavy ground and the empty treasury they left behind them, and of some errors of judgment in the Comptroller, has attracted much general attention and is of such wide interest, that the following account of the present condition of the improvements will prove both timely and interesting:

WHAT HAS BEEN DONE.

The first act of importance to improve the west side of the City at the upper end of the island, containing, as it does, 1,600 acres between Fifty-ninth-street and Manhattanville, was passed by the Legislature on the 12th of April, 1868, empowering the Central Park Commissioners to make a survey to be made of that part of the City bounded on the north by One Hundred and Fifty-fifth-street, on the east by the westerly line of the Eighth-avenue, north of Eighty-second-street, and by the westerly line of the Ninth-avenue south of Eighty-second-street; southerly by the south line of Seventy-second-street east of the Tenth-avenue, and by the southerly line of Sixty-seventh-street, west of the Tenth-avenue, and westerly by the Hudson River, and to prepare maps and plans showing such changes in the width, direction and grades of the streets, avenues and roads then laid out within the area described, and in the pier and bulkhead lines established, as in their opinion could be made with benefit to the property affected, and also the boundaries of such streets, avenues, roads and public squares as in their opinion could be laid out or discontinued with like benefit, and to report the result of their labors to the Legislature.

Under this act the report of the Central Park Commission was made to the Legislature in March, 1867, and the final act was passed on the 24th of April following. In this act the Park Commissioners were given exclusive power to open or close such streets, avenues, roads, public squares or places, and to widen streets or avenues, and to change the grade thereof, as they might think proper, in the district bounded by the south side of One Hundred and Fifty-fifth-street, east by the westerly side of Eighth-avenue, south by the southerly side of Fifty-ninth-street, and west by the Hudson River, and also within a space of 200 feet in width surrounding the Central Park, the powers so conferred to cease on the 1st day of May, 1872.

The Commissioners filed their map on the 7th of March, 1868, fixing the grades of the streets and avenues between Fifty-ninth and One Hundred, but the work to the commencement in September, 1868, has been partially stopped since the disruption of the Ring. It is expected, however, that it will be completed by the time the several contracts are completed. The walk on the east side is to be narrowed several feet, to allow a greater width of carriageway. The matter has been referred to Messrs. OLMSTEAD and VAUX, who will soon report upon it. The engineer, Mr. M. A. KELLOGG, favored a sidewalk of twenty feet in width, while Mr. GREEN advocated one of twenty-five feet, instead of thirty, as originally proposed. The railroad tracks are to be placed upon the extreme easterly side of the avenue, close up to the sidewalk.

MANHATTAN-SQUARE AND THE ART BUILDINGS.

Work upon Manhattan-square was commenced as early as 1868. Upon the accession of the Ring Park Commission in May, 1870, they decided to change the location of the Zoölogical Garden from Manhattan-square to the Central Park. The site originally selected was never fitted for such a purpose, owing to the impossibility of securing perfect drainage. The square is to be removed for the Metropolitan Museum of Art, Museum of Natural History, and other public buildings. A bill passed the last Legislature appropriating several hundred thousand dollars towards the erection of suitable buildings for the purpose.

MORNINGSIDE PARK.

Next to Riverside Park in point of importance to improvements of the west side, is the proposed Morningside Park, situated on the high plot of land lying north-westerly of the Central Park, commencing at One Hundred and Tenth-street, and extending to One Hundred and Twenty-third-street, between Eighth and Tenth avenues. Its name was suggested by the fact that it possesses a sunny exposure the early morning hours. From it a clear and unobstructed view of the Sound and its moving craft can be obtained at all times, and the outlook in other directions is almost equally attractive. As laid out the Park will contain about 20 acres, with two-thirds being fond taine, a play-ground, &c. When finished, it will doubtless be a favorite resort for children and invalids, as bracing air and a charming prospect, in which marine and land scenery are blended, are attractions which will be sought after, especially in the early part of the day, even by those who do not reside in the neighborhood. During the last year it has been surveyed and a plan made to improve it. About $20,000 has been spent thus far toward carrying out the plans.

WIDENING AND IMPROVEMENT OF BOULEVARDS.

At the base of Morningside Park a new avenue has been laid out which is yet undesignated. It starts at One Hundred and Tenth-street and connects with the Avenue St. Nicholas at One Hundred and Twenty-fourth-street. It is proposed to make a boulevard, 200 feet wide, for the Gen. ENGINEERS of WASHINGTON's staff, who fell near this point. Morningside-avenue begins at One Hundred and Tenth-street and follows a northerly direction to One Hundred and Twenty-second-street, when it takes a westerly course and connects with Riverside-avenue. Another avenue, extending from One Hundred and Sixteenth-street to One Hundred and Twenty-seventh-street, on the Hudson River, and also called Riverside-avenue, is to be called Riverbank-avenue.

Among the numerous improvements proposed for the west side is a plan to change the designation of some of the avenues. For instance, it is proposed to call Eighth-avenue above Fifty-ninth-street Central Park avenue. The Eleventh will be designated as West End-avenue, which name seems to meet with much favor, as this part of the City has with a certain class come to be regarded as the west end of the Metropolis. Other changes of names, it is thought, will follow.

THE EFFECT ON REAL ESTATE.

An important measure affecting the west side is the proposed widening of Broadway from Thirty-fourth to Fifty-ninth-street. The matter is now in the Courts, an appeal having been taken to the awards first made to the Board of Appeals. Property-owners regard the proposed widening as absolutely necessary, Broadway being to the west side what the small end of a funnel is to the larger one, the former representing the distributing part, while the latter is the receiver. With Broadway widened, a grand avenue of communication is established from the Battery, through the heart of the City, to the future homes of the wealthy classes on the west side. It is not difficult, those versed in real estate matters argue, to foresee the future of this section. The delay thus far in improvements has undoubtedly permanently benefited all property west of Central Park, for the reason that no inferior buildings have been erected, and values have now, in anticipation of the improvements above noted, reached a high figure.

With the completion of the Morningside and Riverside Parks, the improvement of Eighth-avenue, the erection of the Metropolitan Museum of Art on Manhattan-square, the widening of Broadway, and last, but most important of all, quick transit, the west side will present attractive inducements to the busy city, even among the crowded lands of beautiful capitals of modern Europe.

Sentences of the Week.

Fourteen hundred persons were arrested by the Police last week.

There were thirty-four fires last week with $64,800 loss and $94,750 insurance; fifteen were caused by carelessness, four by kerosene, one by spontaneous combustion, and the others were accidental.

During the week there were 46 still-births, 42 births, 12 marriages and 576 deaths; being an increase of 70 over the mortality of the previous week. There was the same number of cases of small-pox as during the previous week, and one additional death from that disease.

Causeway at the Sea.

At 6 o'clock yesterday morning DANIEL KEAGY, keeper of the North Brother Island light-house, saw a bale-craft on the ice in East River, off Randall's Island, and putting off with two men in a small boat, succeeded in rescuing a the man and in landing him safely on the Lower Island's shore. In attempting to return to the craft, the boat was crushed and the other two men were rescued by the steamer *Manchuck*, after they had been exposed for several hours.

FINANCIAL AFFAIRS.

Sales at the Stock Exchange—Feb. 3.

FIRST BOARD.

$1,000 U. S. 5-20 C., '65	110¾	100 Wells-Fargo Ex. b.c.	64¾
5,000 U. S. 5-20 C., '64	110¾	100 do.	64¾
3,000 U. S. 5-20 C., '65	111⅛	100 N. Y. C. & Hud.	93
5,000 do.	111⅛	100 do.	93⅛
7,500 U. S. 5-20 C., '65, New	110¾	20000 N. Y. Cen. & Hud. Gtd.	bon. 94
10,000 U. S. 5-20 R., '67	111⅛	100 Erie Railway	30⅛
9,000 U. S. 5-20 C., '67	111⅛	100 Harlem Railroad	116
200 Canton Co.	81	100 Mich. Cen.	s3. 118½
100 Com. Coal of Md.	20⅛	200 L. S. & M. S. b.b.	91⅛
200 do.	20⅛	11 Panama Railroad	275
200 Md. Coal Co.	22	100 Chi. & N. W. Pf.	72⅛
600 Quick. Rim. Co.	20⅛	100 N. J. Central	111⅛
25 do.	20⅛	100 Pitt. & Y. W.	54⅛
100 Cumberland Pref.	28⅛	100 Chi. & Alton	b.2. 123
100 West. Un. Tel. b.c.	72⅛	100 St. L. & I. Mount.	67⅛
200 Pac. M. S.S. Co. b.d.	22	20 do.	bon. 94
200 do. b.c.	22⅛	400 do. b.c.	93
1000 do. b.c.	22	300 M. & St. P. Pf. b.b.	78
110 Marines Pref.	2⅛	100 Reng. & Sar. b.c.	103
50 Adams Express	93		

SECOND BOARD.

$1,000 U. S. 5-20 C., '65	110⅛	100 Wells-Fargo Ex. b.c.	64⅛
5,000 U. S. 5-20 C., '64	110⅛	100 do.	64⅛
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SATURDAY, Feb. 3—P. M.

The various Wall-street markets have shown considerable firmness today, despite the influence of the stormy weather, which works against activity.

The Public Funds were steady in quotations, with an unusually light business. There were no sales until the noon call of these securities, when 110¾ was paid for Five-twenties of 1864, 111¼ for the old issue of 1865, 110¾ for the new issue of 1865, and 112¼ for 1868s. The Ten-forties and new Five ₱ cents. were about a quarter ₱ cent. better.

Gold opened lower, 100⅝@100⅞, and with a quicker demand for use in deliveries, the charge for carrying declining to three ₱ cent. interest. The price rose in the middle of the day to 100⅞, quotation being 100⅝@100⅞ during the afternoon. The demand for Foreign Exchange has been good, especially for a Saturday, after the closing of the mails. The sales of Bankers' Sterling were at same rates as yesterday, 109@109¼ for sixty days' sight, and 109⅞@109⅞ for short date.

The movement in the Stock market was not very lively, though a pretty general advance was made. Pacific Mail was the favorite, opening at 50, falling off to 48¾, and then selling in considerable amounts up to 50⅞@50 again. The subsidy is much talked of, and certainly adds animation to the dealings. The next in activity was Union Pacific, which sold at 38⅛@39, with many intermediate fluctuations. The recent fancies, like North-western and Wabash, were dull and steady; and Lake Shore and New-York Central were not specially active, though the former improved to 91¼, and the latter to 93. Rock Island took a new start and reached 112, at which price a large quantity changed hands; and Ohios, in like manner, moved up to another range of figures at 47@4. The speculation in Quicksilver was carried without a break to 30¾, when a sudden fall to 29¾ occurred, followed by a return above 30. Erie was weak, selling within a quarter ₱ cent., either way, of 31. Sales of a round lot of Canton, at the morning Board, depressed the price to 80; later, the sales were at 81, again, and at 81¼. The sales lists and quotations will give a sufficient idea of the rest of the market, which was strong all day, though with only a moderate advance in prices.

Investment Stocks and the Railroad Mortgages were firm, with less business than usual. The Pacific Bonds were steady, both for Centrals and the different issues of the Union Pacific.

The Board Statement was without perceptible effect upon the markets. Money was easy at 6 to 7 ₱ cent., until after 3 o'clock, when it settled down to 5; and accounts were made up in good season. In this there was nothing different from what has been noticed the past few days.

The changes shown in the Bank Statement are as follows:

Loans, increase	$1,759,400
Specie, decrease	1,342,100
Legal Tenders, increase	227,500
Deposits, decrease	168,500
Circulation, decrease	70,300

The Liabilities are reduced $237,700, and the Reserves $1,014,600; the loss in lawful money reserve, under the 25 ₱ cent. rule, being $955,175. The totals stand as follows:

AVERAGES FOR WEEK ENDING FEB. 3, 1872.

Loans	$291,311,400
Specie	23,968,100
Legal Tenders	46,866,800
Deposits	220,963,700
Circulation	18,316,700

CLOSING PRICES—FEB. 3.

	Friday.	Saturday.
United States New 5s	109	109¼
U. S. 5-20s, '65, May and Nov	111⅛	111⅛
U. S. 5-20s, '67, Jan. and July	112	112
American Gold	100⅞	100⅞
Bills on London, 60 days	109¼	109¼
N. Y. Central and Hudson	97⅞	98⅛
N. Y. C. and Hud. Debt. Ctfs.	93⅞	93⅞
Reading	115¼	115¼
Chicago and Rock Island	111⅞	112
North-west Common	74⅞	74⅞
North-west Preferred	82⅞	82⅞
Pacific Mail	48⅞	50⅞
St. Paul Preferred	75	74⅞
St. Paul Common	50⅞	50⅞
Ohio and Mississippi	46⅞	47⅞
Toledo and Wabash	75⅞	75⅞
Western Telegraph	74⅞	74⅞
Erie	31⅞	31⅞
Union Pacific	38⅞	38⅞
Lake Shore	91⅞	91⅞
Lake Shore Scrip	88	88⅞

AFTER CLOSING.

At the very close of the Hall of the Exchange at 4 o'clock P. M., the Market was strong.

The following bids were made for the Miscellaneous Shares:

Det. and Hud. Canal	170	Mariposa Min. Co.	1⅞
Pennsylvania Coal	355	Morris. Min. Co. pref.	5⅞
Maryland Coal Co.	22⅞	Marin. Transpo. Ctfs.	25
American Coal	25	Atlantic Water Power	8
Canton Co. Religious	80⅞	Adams Express	93⅞
Cent. Land Imp. Co.	71⅞	Wells, Fargo Express	64⅞
Con. Coal of Maryland	20	Amer. N. W. Exp.	65⅞
Western Union Tel.	74⅞	United States Exp.	48
Quicksilver Min. Co.	29⅞	Pacific Mail S. S. Co.	48⅞
Quick. Min. Co. pref.	32⅞		

UNITED STATES TREASURY,
NEW-YORK, Saturday, Feb. 3, 1872.

Gold receipts	$6,287,000 00
Gold payments	1,840,625 00
Gold balance	60,220,054 15
Currency receipts	846,342 [illegible]
Currency payments	[illegible]
Currency balance	[illegible]
Customs	[illegible]
Internal revenue, proper	[illegible]
Washington	1,408,000 00

PHILADELPHIA STOCKS, FEB. 3.

Telegraphed to Messrs. E. D. Randolph & Co.

	Bid.	Asked.
City 6s, Old	99	99½
City 6s, New	100⅞	101
Camden and Amboy	136⅞	136⅞
Pennsylvania Central	61⅞	61⅞
Reading	115⅞	115⅞
Lehigh Valley	57	57⅞
Catawissa Preferred	27	27⅞
Philadelphia and Erie	24⅞	25
Northern Central	50⅞	50
Lehigh Navigation	44⅞	45⅞
Lehigh Gold Loan	95	95⅞

The week's imports of General Merchandise have been to the gross value of $6,242,275.

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The Bonds have thirty years to run, with interest at Eight per Cent., free of tax, payable in February and August in each year.

Both principal and interest are payable in gold.

The principal in New-York. The interest in either New-York, London or Frankfort-on-the Main, at the option of the holder, without notice, and in the gold currency of the country in which they are presented. They are coupons or registered.

Trustees—Farmers' Loan and Trust Company.

The present price of these Bonds is 97½ and accrued interest in *currency*, from Aug. 15, 1871. But they are receivable at par and accrued interest in payment for lands sold by the Company. The right is reserved to advance the present selling price without notice.

Maps, circulars, documents and full information furnished on application.

Though acting as agents for the sale of this loan, our firm buy and sell in their regular business the Bonds of the St. Joseph and Denver City Railroad Company, those of the Eastern Division eight per cent. (8s.) recently placed by us at 97½, being now quoted at from 101½ to 102½ and accrued interest.

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LAW REPORTS.

DECISIONS.

SUPREME COURT—CHAMBERS—FEB. 3.

By Judge Barrett.

Hess *vs.* Stewart; motion granted.

Miller *vs.* Berrian; memoranda for counsel.

Eells *vs.* Eells; report confirmed and judgment of divorce granted; custody of child awarded to plaintiff.

Yolle *vs.* Abbas; report confirmed and judgment granted.

Thayer *vs.* Shear; report confirmed and judgment granted declaring marriage to be null and void.

In the matter of the petition of C. S. Miller, &c.; order granted.

In the matter of the petition of Haggerty, survivor, &c.; order granted.

Shea *vs.* Shea; report confirmed and judgment of divorce granted.

COMMON PLEAS—SPECIAL TERM—FEB. 3.

By Judge Loew.

Wheaton *vs.* Kane; motion to strike out answer or demurrer denied.

The Bank of North America *vs.* Rayner; reference ordered.

The Bank of North America *vs.* Hubbard; reference ordered.

THE FEBRUARY TERM OF THE COURTS.

The February term of the Civil State Courts commence to-morrow. Judge CARDOZO will open the Court of Oyer and Terminer, around which, doubtless, much interest will centre, owing to the anticipated trial of EDWARD S. STOKES during the term, on an indictment for the murder of Col. FISK. There will be no session of the General Term of the Supreme Court, except on Saturday next, the 10th inst., when argument will be heard in the case of FOSTER, condemned for murder.

The assignments of Judges in the various branches of the other Courts are as follows:

SUPREME COURT.

Chambers—Judge Barnard.
Special Equity Term—Judge Ingraham.
Part I., Trial Term—Judge Van Brunt.
Part II., Trial Term—Judge Brady.

SUPERIOR COURT.

General Term—Chief-Justice Barbour, and Justices McCunn and Curtis.
Equity Term—Judge Monell.
Part I.—Judge Freedman.
Part II.—Judge Sedgwick.

COMMON PLEAS.

Chambers—Chief-Justice Daly.
Equity Term—Judge Larremore.
Part I., Trial Term—Judge Joseph F. Daly.
Part II., Trial Term—Judge Robinson.

SURROGATE'S COURT—KINGS COUNTY.

Before Surrogate Veeder.

Wills proved: Sarah M. Drinnan, of the town of Flatbush; George Volkommer, Rose Keenan and Christian Warmuth, all of the City of Brooklyn.

Letters of administration were granted to the estates of the following-named deceased persons, viz.: Georgiana T. Farleigh, Mary King, Alfred East, George Volkommer, Ellen Moyer, DeWitt G. Northrop, Patrick Brennan, Charity Vosburgh, Patrick Connerton, Ann J. Lunn, Robert Crooks and Jane Ayres, all of the City of Brooklyn; Willet Howe, of East Haven, Conn.

Letters of guardianship of the person and estate of James Whitcraft were granted to Mary Ann McGowan; of Frederick C. Van Brunt to Louisa Van Brunt, his mother, all of the City of Brooklyn.

The Tammany Injunction Dissolved.

According to previous adjournment, the counsel on either side appeared before Judge BARRETT, yesterday, in the matter of the Tammany injunction. As already mentioned in the report of the argument which appeared in the TIMES, the decision of Judge BARRETT was withheld until yesterday noon, to allow an opportunity to procure Judge BARNARD's statement as to whether he was a trustee of the Tammany Society or not, the opinion of the Court being that, if he was such trustee, he was incompetent to grant the injunction, and it should therefore be dissolved.

Mr. TRULL, who appeared to sustain the injunction, stated to the Court that, although since the adjournment they had sought an interview with Judge BARNARD, they had been unable to see him, and hence were not prepared to present to the Court the required certificate. He stated, however, that they were entitled to further time to present testimony in opposition to the affidavit of DOUGLAS TAYLOR, that Judge BARNARD was a member of their respective boards, and he had stated to Mr. TRULL that he had no interest, would not be called to the Court, to which effect said Judge BARNARD had written a letter to Mr. TRULL, which letter he was prepared to produce. He was willing to explain this by saying that he and his associated relied upon their judgment of the law that such a proceeding was not necessary, and that he did not feel bound to give himself the trouble of calculating the interest of Judge BARNARD's relation to the Tammany Society.

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Judge BARRETT said it he had known the fact that knowledge of the nature of the affidavit following to Judge BARNARD's membership of Tammany, and been known to opposing counsel, he would not have granted the injunction. A formal order was then drawn up and entered, vacating the order to show cause and dissolving the injunction.

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LOST—ON THURSDAY EVENING, GOING from 27th-st. and 6th-av. to 26th-st. and 8th-av., a Roman gold EAR-RING with three pendants. The finder will be rewarded by leaving the same at the *Times* Publication Office.

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The following is a brief summary of the information offered to investors in the First Mortgage Bonds of the

LOGANSPORT, CRAWFORDSVILLE & SOUTH-WESTERN RAILWAY,

A road in Western Indiana, extending from Logansport to Rockville, a distance of ninety-two miles;

Two conditions are essential to a good investment—safety and profit.

The paramount consideration on the part of any one having money to invest should be the safety of the proposed investment.

The security on which these bonds are based consists of the very valuable franchises of the Company—a new and well-built railroad, of which the greater part is already in actual operation; suitable real estate in the growing cities on the line of the road, with substantial freight and passenger depots and other buildings, and a full equipment of complete passenger and freight trains.

The total amount of bonds issued is limited to $1,500,000, (being but $16,000 per mile,) constituting the first and only lien upon the entire property of the Company, and being but a small proportion of the intrinsic worth of the property mortgaged.

The location of the Logansport, Crawfordsville and South-western Railway is singularly fortunate for securing to it a large business. The road passes through a thickly populated and rich agricultural portion of Indiana, at present without railroad facilities, where abundant surplus products seeking Northern and Eastern markets, a large local passenger traffic, and connections with at least ten different railroads which supply both through and way freight, should amply provide for the prompt payment of interest on its bonds, and certainly insure its success.

The transportation of flour, grain, staves, lumber, and live stock, must yield a large revenue. An important business will also be done in carrying building stone from extensive quarries opened on the line of the road. A special demand for this stone arises from the fact that it is fire-proof, and not surpassed by any in respect to beauty and durability.

To all this there is to be added the heavy coal traffic, mainly with reference to which this road was projected, that must arise from penetrating for twelve miles the celebrated Block Coal field. This business alone should provide sufficient revenue for the entire interest on the bonded debt, and its payment may thus be considered doubly secured.

The road passes centrally through five of the wealthiest counties in the State, in each case through the county seat. Statistics show that "every railroad constructed adds five times its value to the property of the country." With the growth of these communities the traffic of the Logansport, Crawfordsville and South-western Railway will keep pace. Thus the safety of an investment in its securities will be day by day increasing, and they must continually advance in value.

Next in importance to the safety of the investment is its remuneration to the investor.

The securities of this Road were selected by us to be offered to our friends and investors generally, after a careful examination of many different railway enterprises, upon a conviction that the bonds of the Logansport, Crawfordsville and South-western Railway offer at once the utmost security, and the most liberal returns consistent with such safety.

These bonds are coupon and registered; bearing interest in gold, at eight per cent. per annum, free of Government tax, payable quarterly in New-York. A sinking fund is provided for the ultimate payment of the principal.

At the present rate of Government securities, none of them pay the investor 4 per cent., and none less than 5 per cent. per annum, upon the cost of investment. The bonds of the Logansport, Crawfordsville and South-western Railway, at their present offering price, pay almost twice as much interest to the investors as those of the United States.

For the present we offer these bonds at 85 and accrued interest in currency, or will exchange them for United States bonds or other marketable securities at the rates of the day; reserving the right to advance the price at any time without further notice.

Further and full particulars, with pamphlets, maps, &c., furnished by us upon personal or written application.

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FIRST-CLASS CITY AND COUNTY BONDS,

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ATCHISON, TOPEKA AND SANTA FE RAILROAD COMPANY, NO. 10 BROMFIELD-ST.,
BOSTON, Feb. 1, 1872.

SEALED PROPOSALS WILL BE received until NOON, THURSDAY, 15th February, 1872, for the sale of twenty thousand dollars of the Land Bonds of said Company to the undersigned. Tenders in accordance with the conditions of notice issued Nov. 1, 1870. The bids will be opened at the office of the Company, in Boston, at 12 M., on the 15th February, and the accepted bids declared.

THOS. NICKERSON,
GEO. O. LORD,
O. W. PEABODY, } Trustees.

THE ANNUAL ELECTION OF THE 30th-avenue Railroad Company will be held at the office, 45 Broadway, on Tuesday, Feb. 13, 1872, from 11 to 1 P. M.

HENRY S. MOORE, Secretary.

REDEMPTION OF BONDS OF THE HOUSTON AND TEXAS CENTRAL RAILWAY COMPANY—EXTENSION OF TIME.—Sealed proposals for the sale of bonds to the two sinking funds will be received until March 1, 1872. The amount in the sinking fund for the redemption of the bonds of the Houston and Texas Central Railway, is one hundred and twenty thousand ($120,000) dollars. The amount in the sinking fund provided for the redemption of the bonds of the Western Division, is thirty-five thousand ($35,000) dollars. Proposals should be addressed to the undersigned, and plainly indorsed "Sealed Proposals." They are to state the price of the Western Division. The bids will be opened at twelve noon, March 1, 1872, and no other bids will be received.

SHEPHERD KNAPP,
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Dec. 4, 1871. 30 Nassau-street, New-York City.

OFFICE OF WELLS, FARGO & COMPANY, NO. 66 BROADWAY, NEW-YORK, Jan. 19, 1872.

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE stockholders of the Company for the election of Directors will be held at this office of the Company, No. 66 Broadway, New-York, on the 23d day of January next. Polls open from 12 M. to 1 P. M. The transfer-books will be closed at 3 P. M. on the 20th inst. and reopened on the 24th inst.

By order of the Board.

THOS. H. WOOD, Secretary.

ATLANTIC MUTUAL INSURANCE Company will issue scrip for the profits earned by the Company during the year 1871, to the holders of certificates of profit, on and after Tuesday, the 2d inst., at the office of the Company, No. 174 Broadway, corner William-st.

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STUYVESANT BANK.

A meeting of the directors and creditors of the Stuyvesant Bank will be held at the Bank building, No. 214 Broadway, on MONDAY, Feb. 5, 1872, at 10 o'clock A. M., for the purpose of protesting against the said bank being placed in bankruptcy. The attendance of directors and creditors is earnestly requested.

ED. MILLER,
JOHN A. DOUGEN, } Committee.
S. T. GORDON.

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INDIANAPOLIS, CINCINNATI AND LAFAYETTE RAILROAD COMPANY.—NOTICE TO STOCKHOLDERS.—A majority of the stockholders having signed the agreement of the 4th January inst., the undersigned have assumed the trust conferred upon them. They now give notice that the privilege of signing the agreement referred to for the protection of the interests of the Company and the protection of the interests of the parties thereto, will terminate in thirty days from the date hereof.

Copies of the agreement and further information obtained at the office of either of the Trustees.

JOHN S. KENNEDY,
JOSEPH S. RAY,
JOSEPH C. BUTLER,
No. 52 Cedar-st., New-York.
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NEW-YORK, Jan. 29, 1872.

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DIVIDENDS.

THE ST. NICHOLAS NATIONAL BANK, OF NEW-YORK, NO. 1 WALL-ST., NEW-YORK, Jan. 30, 1872.

DIVIDEND TO SHAREHOLDERS OF THIS Bank have declared a Semi-annual Dividend of Four per Cent., free of all taxes, payable on and after 12th of February next. The transfer-book will be closed from the 10th to the 12th inclusive, both days inclusive.

A. PARKHURST, Cashier.

THE NATIONAL BANK OF THE REPUBLIC, NEW-YORK, Jan. 31, 1872.

A DIVIDEND OF FOUR PER CENT., FREE of taxes, has this day been declared, payable on TUESDAY, 6th of February, 1872, which date the transfer-books are closed.

M. W. FORD, Cashier.

SAVINGS BANKS.

MANHATTAN SAVINGS INSTITUTION, No. 644 and 646 Broadway, New-York. EDWIN J. BROWN, President. JAN. 1, 1872.

TWENTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL REPORT.

Assets Jan. 1, 1871	$7,374,997 34
Increase in 1871	1,190,612 99
Assets Jan. 1, 1872	$8,565,130 13

INVESTED AS FOLLOWS:

Banking-house and lot, Nos. 644 and 646 Broadway	151,546 03
Bonds of Mortgage	3,815,375 00
United States bonds, at par	1,185,000 00
New-York State bonds, at par	450,000 00
Bonds of other States	40,905 00
Bonds of the City of New-York	491,000 00
Bonds of the City of New-York	204,000 00
Bonds of the Cities of Brooklyn, Troy and Yonkers	255,000 00
Bonds of Towns and Rail Roads	50,000 00
Amount loaned on demand on United States bonds	287,107 33
On New-York State and other bonds	41,200 00
	$8,520,237 33
Interest due and earned to date	164,318 72
Cash	350,617 54
	$8,565,130 13

LIABILITIES.

Due depositors	$8,182,000 00
Forty-second dividend, due Jan. 1, 1872	219,000 00
United States tax to Jan. 1	15,120 00
	$8,416,120 00
Surplus	$148,937 93

EDWARD SCHELL, Treasurer.
G. F. ALVORD, Secretary.

STATE STREET SAVINGS BANK, JAN. 1, 1872.

ASSETS.	
Cash in drawer and vault	$80,779 09
Cash in banks	187,362 47 — $267,642 56
INVESTMENTS.	
United States bonds at market value	$455,312 00
State bonds at market value	62,500 00
New-York County bonds at par	20,000 00
City bonds—New-York, $90,425; Brooklyn, $80,000; Syracuse, $4,100, at market prices	174,575 00— 732,424 00
LOANS ON PUBLIC STOCKS, &c.	
On United States bonds at par	$115,000 00
On State bonds, (par value, $12)	12,000 00
On town bonds and bank-book	1,931 15— 143,931 15
BONDS AND MORTGAGES.	
In the City of New-York, first mortgages	$97,109 17
In the City of Brooklyn, first mortgages	17,500 00
In the County of Westchester, first mortgages	15,700 00— 130,309 17
Value of share property on which the amount is loaned on bond and mortgage	$2,104,303
Total	$1,354,264 73
Amount due depositors	1,308,187 69
Surplus	$46,076 04

WILLIAM MILLER, President.
J. S. SLOAN, Secretary.

GERMAN UP-TOWN SAVINGS BANK, CORNER 8TH-ST. AND 3D-AV.

Total assets Jan. 1, 1872	$1,020,850 00
Amount due depositors Jan. 1, 1872	1,009,877 66
Interest credited depositors, Jan. 1, 1872	24,218 40
Surplus on Jan. 1, 1872	14,854 86
	$1,020,850 00

Interest at the rate of Six per Cent. per annum will be paid on all deposits from the first of each and every month.

CHRISTIAN SCHWARTZ, President.
CHARLES SCHAEFER, Secretary and Treasurer.

THIRTY-SEVENTH DIVIDEND.

SIX-PENNY SAVINGS BANK, ASTOR-PLACE, NEW-YORK.

The thirty-seventh semi-annual Dividend, at the rate of Six per Cent. per annum, will be credited to depositors as principal, and the same will be entitled to interest thereon after Feb. 10.

WM. MILES, President.
J. S. SLOAN, Secretary.

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TO LET, FURNISHED—THE RESIdence of the undersigned, at Stamford, Conn. The house contains twenty-five rooms, hot and cold water, gas, steam heater, billiard-room, with good table, and is conveniently located in the midst of fine grounds near churches, schools, &c. The stable accommodates four horses, and is about 1 1-2 miles from the village. A lease of the family thereof for some length of time is the only cause for offering the place for rent. GEO. A. HOYT, office Pennsylvania Coal Company, No. 111 Broadway.

TO LET, FURNISHED—A SMALL COTtage, pleasantly situated on Hackensack Turnpike and River, 1½ miles from New-York. Inquire of Hancock or Newell, 1 Broad, foot Beaver, &c. also dock and boat-house. Apply to Mrs. HANFIELD, No. 307 East Broadway, from 1 to 3 P. M.

TO LET—FROM THE FIRST OF MAY next, the house on the banks of the Hudson, now in occupation of a dwelling house with barn and ample and plenty of fruit for a family, or a place of pleasure resort near the grand Boulevard. Apply at No. 5 Bookman-st., Room No. 7, West Side.

AT RED BRIGHTON, HAMILTON Farm—To rent, three small houses, furnished and unfurnished; gas, water, bath-rooms, &c. Apply to HAMILTON & CO., No. 84 Front-st.

TO LET—NO. 4 WEST 37TH-ST., THREE story basement and attic brownstone front; THE STABLE REMOVED AND IMPROVED. Apply to A. G. KINGSLAND, 36 Rivington-st.

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FIFTH-AV., NEAR 46TH-ST.—A SUperb extra lot, 25x100.5, for a four-story high-stoop brownstone mansion, of an elegant and unique style, the only one of the kind yet erected in this city. Price, $25,000. Title perfect.

PARK-AVENUE.—A most desirable, elegant and well-located three-story and French-roofed dwelling, marble, and extension, 25 by 55 feet. Price reasonable.

MADISON-AVENUE.—A fine and extra well-finished four-story Nobleboro' brownstone residence for sale at $50,000.

LEXINGTON-AVENUE.—West 40th-st., on the preferable side, a medium size, most conveniently arranged well-built, four-story high-stoop brownstone residence, with all the improvements, finished in hard wood, tiled hall, &c. Price very low, $24,000.

Obtainable immediately, dwellings, one room to 50th-av., of large, small and medium size, 40th-st. to 61st-st.

Where Twenty-first-street—Between 5th and 6th ave., suitable and conveniently adapted for a physician or scientist. A medium size dwelling, with all improvements, fronting with an extension. Price low.

Apply to
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FRANK G. & DAVISON BROWN,
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The Swindler Continuing his Depredations in London—He is Entertained by the Rich by as an American Millionaire.

Capt. THOMAS SAMPSON, who left this City on the *Batavia* last November, returned home on Saturday, and brings an interesting account of his search for WILLIAM E. GRAY, the noted Wall-street forger. On the Captain's arrival in London he visited Sir THOMAS HENRY, the chief Magistrate, and Superintendent WILLIAMSON and Inspector BAYLEY, of the Police, by whom he was offered every facility. The house in which GRAY lived was watched by the officers of the London Police carefully, until one night when they were rewarded by seeing a man approach who had a close resemblance to GRAY. The officers arrested him, when GRAY, (for it was he) in the coolest manner possible, denied his identity, and said that what they wanted was James Payne Morgan, who was then in the house, and would be produced by him if the officers would wait. To this proposition the officers consented, and GRAY went into the house, and, coloring his hair and whiskers, made good his escape by the rear door. The scheme was managed most adroitly, and the best officers of the London force were humbugged by this swindler.

GRAY lived in magnificent style in London—kept his Brougham, dined with the Duke of NEWCASTLE and the Baron ROTHSCHILD, and surpassed the Prince of WALES in the elegance of his equipage. He was regarded as an American millionaire, and showered his gifts on every side with a lavish hand. He continued his swindling schemes with a boldness far exceeding that with which he met with so much success here, and on one occasion obtained an advance of £5,000 from a banker, on a forged telegram purporting to state that $20,000 had been placed to his credit in this City. Capt. SAMPSON, after GRAY'S escape from his house in London, was misled by several reports which reached the London officers, and went to Brussels, Vienna and Paris, but was finally satisfied that GRAY was in London concealed, and that further search would be unavailing. He accordingly returned, and will now attempt to bring to justice some of GRAY'S accomplices, leaving GRAY to pursue his career in London unmolested.

The history of the stupendous forgeries and swindles perpetrated by WILLIAM E. GRAY "& Co.," which culminated in his flight from justice early in December, 1869, will be read with interest even at this date. The following is a succinct sketch of GRAY'S transactions, which at the time of their occurrence created an immense sensation in financial circles, and showed conclusively how easily confiding bankers may sometimes be victimized by an adroit scoundrel:

WILLIAM E. GRAY is the son of Rev. EDWARD H. GRAY, who was from 1861 to 1867 Chaplain of the United States Senate. Through the influence of his father WILLIAM obtained a position in the Fourth Auditor's office, and while there conducted himself in a perfectly honest manner. A desire for change led him to resign his position in 1868, and he came to the City provided with very strong recommendatory letters from Hon. LAFAYETTE S. FOSTER, then acting Vice-President, and several United States Senators. He obtained a position as cashier with the house of A. W. DIMMOCK & Co., No. 30 Pine-street, for the purpose of learning the business of a broker. Here he conducted himself in such a manner as to win the esteem of his employers, and he remained in their service until they suspended business, when he determined to open an office for himself. But he was destitute of capital, and therefore took desk-room in New-street, and engaged as attorney for Mr. J. D. SAXON, whose business in the Gold Room he transacted. In July, 1869, and while acting as Mr. SAXON' attorney, he became concerned in a little irregularity, misappropriating certain securities which were placed in his hands. About the same time he did a little business in the negotiation of "scrip" Government bonds, but these irregularities were hushed up and all went smooth with him. About September of that year he formed the acquaintance of Mr. EUGENE FISK, a stock broker, who, finding that GRAY'S acquaintances and associates were among the first class, desired to do business for him. GRAY then stated that he soon expected to have about $50,000 capital from an aunt in Maine, and then he would be glad to make an arrangement with Mr. FISK. While waiting for the windfall, Mr. FISK saw that GRAY was on intimate terms with Mr. CHARLES CALLSEN, of the National Bank Examiner, Gen. BUTLER, and Senators MORRILL, PAMEROY and FOSTER, and naturally concluded that all of GRAY'S representations, with respect to himself, were correct. In the latter part of November GRAY announced to Mr. FISK that his aunt had remitted the desired capital, and had determined to take the office No. 57 Broad-street, which had just been vacated—the same office, by the way, which is now occupied by WOODHULL & CLAFLIN. Accordingly, the office was fitted up, and Mr. FISK, at GRAY'S request, took desk-room therein, in order that he might be on hand to execute orders for GRAY on the Stock and Mining Boards. The sign, "WILLIAM E. GRAY & Co.," was put up, and everything was in readiness for business in a very short time. This, it appears, was the commencement of GRAY'S plan to victimize the "street." GRAY told Mr. FISK that he had formed a "pool" for the purpose of operating in Quicksilver Mining Stock, and accordingly Mr. FISK ordered his executing clerk to buy the stock. Stocks were bought and promptly paid for, and all went on well and, so far as Mr. FISK knew, legitimately. But at the same time GRAY was a frequent borrower in the street on stock collaterals. As money was tight about that time, Mr. FISK thought nothing of it, but, when requested, would negotiate loans for GRAY at first, afterwards preferring (when inquired that he (FISK) knew aught about GRAY & Co., but that they must examine the securities offered as collateral, and if they were satisfied to lend they could do so. His response, in most instances, declined to be held responsible for the character of either the paper or the signature.

The earlier victims of some of the parties who were victimized by GRAY may be imagined when it is stated that at the time GRAY was pledging as collateral altered beauty bonds and stolen United States securities. GRAY kept his account with the Bank of the Commonwealth, and would occasionally overdraw it—which appears to be a favorable omen with Wall-street banking institutions—making it good before the close of bank hours. As security for such overdrafts he would leave with the teller certain securities, leaving them up again when his amount should be made good. The short time that these securities were held, whether back and not, perhaps of their critical examination, and the teller doubtless supposed that they were all right. Some of these securities were New York Beauty Fund Loans, which were originally of $1,000 each, but subsequently appeared, they had been raised to $10,000 each by Wm. H. GLOVER, who is now in Sing Sing for the Secretaries Department robbery—and had been purchased by T. H. PRATT, who was a confederate of GLOVER. On Friday, Dec. 10, GRAY overdrew his account with the Bank of the Commonwealth, leaving as security three of these raised beauty bonds representing $30,000 each. In the afternoon Mr. RIKER, the Cashier, observing these bonds on the teller's desk, and noticing that the denomination was large, and his suspicions excited and took them to the Manhattan Bank and showed them to Mr. HARRENGTON. That gentleman pronounced them all right, but just as Mr. ELLIS was leaving the Bank he met the clerk in charge of the transfer-books to whom he also showed them. The clerk, on glancing at his books saw at once that the bonds were stolen. Mr. ELLIS returned to his bank, and when GRAY'S clerk came in to make over the overdraft, and to take up the bonds, Mr. HARRENGTON detained him to ask Mr. GRAY to step around to the bank, which that person very soon did, and there met Mr. HARRENGTON and two officers, who had been sent for. Upon being shown the bonds, GRAY appeared very much surprised, said that he had obtained them from T. H. PRATT, who was a gentleman of means residing at the Gt. Nicholas Hotel, and that, doubtless, he had been deceived as to the character of the bonds. He said that he had five of these bonds in all—one of them was in his safe, another was pledged as collateral with COLEMAN BROTHERS, and the other three were in the hands of Mr. ELLIS. He conducted himself so coolly under the examination, and professed his ignorance in such a disingenuous manner that the bank officers were deceived. They, however, consulted counsel, who advised that, under the circumstances, if they should arrest GRAY they might be liable to respond in damages, and accordingly he was allowed to depart, having the three bonds, and surrendering the one which was in his safe at the office.

Mr. FISK knew nothing of this affair whatever, but had he been informed he would have been enabled to prevent GRAY'S flight. The next morning GRAY went to his office at the usual hour, and soon after sold lot of stock owned by the delivery, which he had purchased the day before. He gave a check for the amount, but the broker, not being perfectly satisfied, Mr. FISK then found GRAY up to the bank and gave a check the same man. He did so, and returned apparently satisfied, and said that GRAY would not identify the stock until after the broker had time to circulate the check, which had been drawn the day before. GRAY, Mr. FISK, and the broker then went to the office, where GRAY made out the transfer, and then asked Mr. FISK to go with him to the Mechanics' Bank, where he had a private account, and get Elder Mr. FISK to be interested in stock, and get Elder Mr. FISK to be interested in stock, and get Elder Mr. FISK to be interested in stock